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» **Petitions with nearly 3,000 signatures given chance to cure 'defects' before re-submission**

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Deputy Attorney General Gilbert Birnbrich gave individuals leading three petitions to repeal the Saipan casino and electronic gaming laws a chance to "withdraw" these petitions and "submit" them after curing "identified defects." This also allows the group to gather more signatures to reach the minimum required number, as there were only less than 3,000 signatures at the time of submission.

The signatures have since reached over 3,300, according to one of the petitioners yesterday.

The Office of the Attorney General received the three referendum petitions on June 6. That's 151 days before the November elections, or a day earlier than the deadline that is 150 days before the race.

But Birnbrich, in a June 13 letter to Russell Schow, executive director, Marianas Economic Research and Development Foundation, cited major defects that led him to give the group a chance to withdraw the petitions and submit a

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Inos: Pension obligation bond on hold

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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that his administration will not push through with its initial plan to float a multimillion pension obligation bond to cover the anticipated depletion of the settlement trust fund.

The decision to put the plan aside was a result of the infusion of new monies in

the government through the anticipated casino investment.

The Pension Obligation Act of 2013 authorizes the government to float up to \$200 million in bonds to address the looming exhaustion of the retirement program's funds by 2019.

The Inos administration, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Development Authority, had targeted to float

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Dive master gets 6 months for killing eagle ray

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A dive master of a dive shop who was found guilty of killing and getting a protected spotted eagle ray was slapped yesterday with a maximum prison sentence of six months in prison.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ordered Hu Jie Fang

to serve the sentence day for day without the possibility of parole, probation, early release, or other similar programs.

After the hearing, the judge directed court marshals to take Fang to the Department of Corrections to start serving his sentence.

Fang, 27, a Chinese national, was given credit for three days of time served.

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Concerned citizen Leila Staffler shows a stack of the referendum petitions with over 3,000 signatures to repeal the Saipan casino and electronic gaming laws, during yesterday afternoon's House session. **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**

Casino law repeal blocked from House calendar

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A controversial bill repealing and reenacting in its entirety the Saipan casino law, which is a subject of lawsuits and criticism, failed to muster enough votes to be placed on calendar yesterday afternoon. It was instead referred to the

» **House OKs 12 measures, rejects Senate's cigarette tax hike bill version**

Ways and Means Committee for further review. But author House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said this won't stop the Lottery Commission—which meets again today—from deciding whether to grant and to whom an exclusive license to develop a minimum \$2-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has promised to veto any bill that would exclude or remove the authority of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission over the islands' utilities corporation.

Inos was reacting to Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero's (Ind.-Saipan) pronouncement that he will introduce a bill that would remove the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. from the regulating authority of CPUC.

Deleon Guerrero, who chairs the House Committee on Public Utilities Transportation and Communications, earlier said that having both a CUC board and CPUC at the same time only "duplicates" the responsibility that he believes should be solely accorded to the CUC board of directors.

Inos, however, disagrees.

"The utilities commission's function is to regulate utility rates. CUC cannot regulate itself. You think the CUC board will agree to lower the rates if the rate recommended [by its management] is to cover full cost recovery?" said Inos in an

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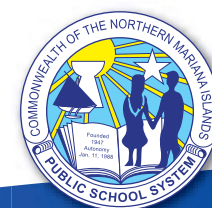
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Meanwhile, the House passed 12 bills and resolutions yesterday, including a resolution on a June 30 joint legislative session to receive Gov. Eloy S. Inos’ State of the Commonwealth Address. But the House rejected the Senate’s version to increase

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“late-filed petition no later than 120 days” before the election.

Schow said yesterday that “at this point, it was out of my hands but it will be resubmitted.”

Leila Staffler, a concerned citizen, said yesterday that “over 3,300 signatures” have so far been gathered and the signature-gathering will continue for two weeks more.

The three referendum petitions, led by concerned citizens, include one to repeal Public Law 18-38 or the original law that allows an exclusive casino license on Saipan; one to repeal Public Law 18-43, which repealed the original casino measure or P.L. 18-38; and the third, to repeal Public Law 18-30, which allows electronic gaming on Saipan.

Staffler said every petitioner wants to have a chance at voting on the casino issue in the November elections.

‘Non-compliance’

Birnbrich said a cursory review of the petitions shows that “they do not comply with the constitutional requirements.”

Article 9 Section 2 of the NMI Constitution requires that a referendum petition “contain the full text of the law sought to be rejected.”

The NMI Administrative Code 5-50-220 echoes this requirement: “Each referendum

cigarette tax gradually, leading to a House-Senate panel to work on a “compromise” version.

Vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Janet Maraita (Ind-Saipan), and other members pushed for the casino-law-repeal-and-reenact bill’s referral to committee for review and to give the public a chance to comment on it, rather than

petition shall contain the full text of the law sought to be rejected and all signature pages shall be attached to a copy of the petition containing the full text of the laws sought to be rejected.”

“Accordingly, I would be required to reject the petitions as they do not comply with the requirements of Section 2(a),” Birnbrich said in his two-page letter to Schow.

The deputy AG said Schow was quoted in the media as saying they do not have a sufficient number of signatures in the submitted petitions to meet the constitutional requirements.

Schow told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that at the time of the petitions’ submission, there were only 2,960 signatures gathered.

A petition needs the signatures of at least 20 percent of qualified CNMI voters, or over 3,220 signatures.

Birnbrich said if the number of signatures in the petitions at the time of the June 6 submission was insufficient, the group will not be able to supplement the petitions with additional signatures.

2 types of petitions

The regulations contemplate two types of referendum petitions that propose to repeal law.

One is the timely petitions that are filed no later than 150 days prior to the election.

The second one is the late-filed petitions that are submitted after the timely deadline and no later than 120 days prior to the

have it placed on calendar.

Demapan noted that the motion was only to place the bill on calendar—but not for action yesterday.

Still, some members said even if it was not meant to be acted on, its mere placement on calendar means it goes straight to members’ voting without undergoing committee review.

After a lengthy debate, the mo-

election.

“As it stands now, your petitions would be considered timely and would be governed by NMIAC 5-50-240 as you submitted them on June 6, 2014—151 days before the upcoming election,” Birnbrich told Schow.

That same section of the administrative code states that within 30 days of receiving a timely petition, the attorney general shall give the party who submitted the petition notice of the number of valid signatures submitted in support of the petition.

If a sufficient number of signatures were submitted as specified in the Constitution, but the attorney general was “unable to certify a sufficient number of signatures to meet the constitutional requirements, the party who submitted the petition shall have an additional 10 days to file additional signatures in support of the petition.”

It goes on to say that “if an insufficient number of signatures were submitted, the party circulating the petition shall not receive any additional time to obtain signatures.”

“Thus, if the petition does not have the requisite number of signatures, it will be rejected and you will not be able to add additional signatures,” Birnbrich told Schow.

The third major concern is the absence of the address or phone number of the contact person for the petitions.

Birnbrich cited NMIAC

tion to place Demapan’s HB 18-195 on the bill calendar yesterday was defeated at 2:16pm by a vote of 10-8, with one voting “present” and one excused absence.

After the voting, the speaker allowed the public comment period to be re-opened, wherein concerned citizen Leila Staffler stood up “on behalf of the 3,000-plus voters” who signed petitions to repeal the casino law.

5-50-215, which states that the “attorney general shall refuse to certify petitions that are not accompanied by [a written statement identifying the name of a person submitting the petition, and his or her address and phone number].”

“Because of these identified defects and the news reports that you have not met the constitutional signature requirements, as a courtesy, I am giving you an opportunity to withdraw your petition. You would then still be able to submit a late-filed petition no later than 120 days before the next election,” Birnbrich told Schow.

The deputy AG, however, told Schow that if the petitioners decide to withdraw and re-submit under the late-filed provision and the requisite number of signatures is not certified as valid, they will not have another opportunity to submit additional signatures.

Schow said the deputy AG’s letter simply tells them to “clean it up and resubmit it.”

Clarification

Schow also said he has nothing to do with the “No casino” signs on Saipan, contrary to what some community members may have thought.

“I have nothing to do with that and I am not against casinos, as long as it is done after being approved by the CNMI people and for the highest benefits to the community,” he added.

of six months in prison. He said the government believes that a strong message must be sent to preserve ecotourism and to ensure that Fang and other divers will not poach spotted eagle rays or other protected species in the future.

“Since defendant knew his actions were illegal, simply enacting the law is not enough. Enforcement and punishment is now necessary,” the prosecutor added.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Fang, recommended leniency.

Meyer said that Fang is a first-time offender who took an eagle ray for the benefit of the tourists he guided on a dive trip. Meyer said that Fang was not aware of the illegality of his act. He said Fang, who came from Jilin, China, five years ago, is employed as a dive instructor and has a common-law spouse and a 7-month-old daughter.

Meyer said Fang is now out of immigration status and will likely be deported back to China after he completes his sentence in this case.

“We respectfully request that the referendum process is allowed to take its course... Every voter in this stack wants to have a chance at voting on this issue in November,” Staffler, showing lawmakers the referendum petition and signatures gathered so far.

Staffler told lawmakers that if they repeal and reenact the casino law by way of passing HB 18-195, “you are robbing 3,000 people from all over every district their right to a referendum process.”

Sneaky approach

Staffler said while the reason stated for HB 18-195 was to clarify ambiguities in the casino law and ratify the Lottery Commission good faith actions, the petitioners “fear that the decision to repeal and reenact, as opposed to amend the casino bill, is a misguided attempt to nullify our referendum efforts.”

Staffler said they are targeting over 4,500 signatures, much more than the required number to placed them on the ballot.

The referendum petitions were to repeal the original Saipan casino law or Public Law 18-38, the law that repeal it or PL 18-43, and the electronic gaming law or PL 18-30.

Staffler said ultimately HB 18-95’s proposed amendments are “cosmetic.”

“If that’s the case, then we humbly ask that we include a clause to protect the referendum

from further cosmetic amendments...” she told lawmakers.

Sean King of Park Strategies and consultant for Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc.—one of the two casino applicants—echoed Staffler’s comments that the bill, in so many ways, “is a cosmetic attempt to avoid the referendum without addressing the core issues that bother so many people.”

But King said it’s not their place to say whether there will be casino gaming or whether there should be a referendum. He also welcomes further review of the “repeal and reenact” bill.

“And again we’re not saying there even should be casino gaming on Saipan but if there is, it should be done through a thorough, deliberative manner and why not two licenses? Means more money and more revenue for the people of the CNMI. Only if there is gaming. We’re not saying there should be one way or another but if [there is], let’s do it right, the more money, the better,” said King, who was in the House gallery during yesterday afternoon’s session.

Also with King in the House gallery was former U.S. Interior deputy assistant secretary for insular affairs David Cohen, now also consultant for Marianas Stars.

Marianas Stars suggests granting two casino licenses instead of one. The other casino applicant is Best Sunshine International Ltd.

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bonds to the tune of \$60 million, \$80 million, or \$120 million. The POB Act was later amended to allow the use of gross receipt taxes to repay the bonds.

Unlike revenue bonds, POBs are taxable and command higher interest rates. CDA has confirmed that it is aiming for a higher credit rating so the proposed POB float will get a lower interest rate.

However, with the passage of the casino law, the administration’s direction on the pension obligation bond has changed.

“It’s essentially on hold. Why do we have to proceed with it if we have to pay interest expense when the casino will give us the funds without interest expense?” the governor told *Saipan Tribune* during the graduation rites at Saipan Southern High School Tuesday night.

“We’re not looking at anything at this point [on POB] because we have no plans on

moving forward with it, unless we lose the opportunity to provide the revenues from casino and integrated resource development,” Inos added.

The governor’s decision to hold the POB plan has apparently yet to be disclosed to the administration’s partner, CDA.

CDA executive director Manuel Sablan earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that except for the final amount on how much will be floated, everything is set.

Sablan even pointed out that from the initial target of floating \$60 million to \$80 million in pension obligation bond, the CNMI is expected to revise the target figure to a much lower POB as a result of the infusion of new monies to the economy, alluding to the casino.

“Initially, we’re thinking of \$60 [million] to \$80 million POB. But we don’t know now because there’s significant improvement in the CNMI’s revenues. There’s projected cash flow coming in from casinos that would impact the need to float the bond,” he said.

CPUC

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interview Tuesday at Saipan Southern High School’s graduation rites.

According to Inos, the recommendation to give the CUC board power to regulate its own rates has been tried in the past but failed.

“We tried that for many years.

I think CPUC should continue to oversee rate regulations. The thing here is, the rate proposed by CUC should be reasonable and one that provides efficiency and takes into account the overall economy and so forth,” said the governor.

Inos pointed out that he doesn’t see the need to sever the responsibility of CPUC—as what Deleon Guerrero wants—from the ratemaking process.

DIVE MASTER

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Camacho said the maximum prison time for killing a protected eagle ray is six months—a sentence similar to the maximum possible jail time for not having mud flaps on a truck.

“The court can only surmise that in its collective wisdom the Legislature has mandated that the penalty for killing an eagle ray is equivalent to not having mud flaps on vehicles,” he said.

Camacho said the Legislature finds that a scuba diving location commonly called “Eagle Ray City” is a popular dive destination in the waters off Saipan due to the regular gathering of spotted eagle rays. Camacho said this dive site is popular with tourists because it is rare to find naturally occurring gatherings on a regular basis

“The congregation of spotted eagle rays is easily photographed. Each photo taken home with the tourist is free advertising showing the great

beauty and grand scale of aquatic life in the CNMI,” said Camacho, citing the findings and purpose of a bill that the Legislature passed in 2008.

He said the Legislature further finds that Eagle Ray City is popular with local residents and good for the economy in that it is accessible only by boat; divers (tourists and residents alike) need to hire local guides and secure the services of local boats and captains to reach this spot.

“This type of ecotourism is beneficial to the CNMI’s economy, fits within the advertising campaigns offered by the Marianas Visitors Authority, and should be nurtured, protected, and grown,” he said.

Camacho said the Legislature finds that evidence suggests the eagle rays have been recently hunted to such an extent as to threaten their population levels and as to instill an unnatural fear of divers, thereby threatening one aspect of the Commonwealth’s revenues.

The Legislature finds that spotted eagle rays specifically, and rays generally, are not tradi-

tional food fishes in the CNMI.

“Fishing specifically for such rays is not a tradition in the CNMI; the recent practice of doing so is detrimental to the welfare of the Commonwealth and should be prohibited...” Camacho said.

Camacho said that Fang used a spear gun and shot dead an eagle ray while diving at Eagle Ray City, also known as the Ice Cream Diving Spot.

Camacho said Fang is a master diver trained and instructed to respect marine animals.

“The group had already caught fish to be eaten. Defendant was heard saying not to take any photos because it was illegal to kill an eagle ray,” he said.

Camacho said that Fang’s life was not in danger and he was not in danger of starvation.

“Defendant knew it was illegal to kill an eagle ray, yes. Defendant used a spear gun and killed an eagle ray, yes,” Camacho said.

Assistant attorney general James B. McAllister recommended the maximum sentence

CDA: QC program is not generous

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Despite admission that it favors a revisit of the Investment Incentive Act of 2000, also known as the Qualifying Certificate Program, the Commonwealth Development Authority claims the existing program is not in any way “too generous” to applicant investors.

CDA executive director Man-

uel Sablan and QC analyst Carline Sablan emphasized this with *Saipan Tribune*, citing the “caps” on the benefits as one way to disprove the wrong perception that the government is giving away too much to selected businesses.

“It’s not [generous]. We’re not offering 25 years at 100 percent [benefit] and, if you can see, the benefits approved have caps. If we feel that \$300,000 is all the CNMI needs to give a project to

work, we cap the benefit at that amount,” said Carline Sablan.

She pointed out that “gone are the days that benefits are limitless.”

Both the QC analyst and the CDA executive director support the idea of revisiting the QC program but they emphasized that the specific change the CDA wants is in the way the benefit is determined.

“The current statute [Incentive

Act 2000] was not very specific on what would be the benefits to the CNMI. It talks about employment benefit and infrastructure benefit...but there’s no percentage,” explained Manuel Sablan.

Carline Sablan said, “Our recommendation is that relief to be based from the project, meaning it should be tied in the local employment and local purchases. The more U.S. workers employed, the more managerial positions offered to locals, the more local purchases they make, the bigger the ben-

efits,” explained Carline Sablan.

Under the current QC setup, benefits are tied more to the investment amount of the project.

CDA officials disclosed that in recommending QC benefits, the agency—along with the tax division—looks at individual applications. Even if the law provides up to 25 years at 100 percent tax rebates, they said this not often the case.

Manuel Sablan said this is evident in the refusal of some applicants to accept the CDA-recommended tax relief.

“In applying for QC benefit, you have to demonstrate your need for it. There’s also compliance every year on their part,” he said.

To date, the government has issued 15 QCs, of which five are active—meaning they availed of the tax relief approved by the government.

Manuel Sablan maintained that “QC is a viable and good tool” that should not be abused by anyone.

“It’s good to provide relief when relief is necessary,” he said.

Ex-CUC staff files discrimination suit vs CUC, officials

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A former employee of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is suing it and its officials in federal court for alleged discrimination.

Carlton Stevens, an African-American, is suing CUC, CUC executive director Alan Fletcher, CUC human resources director Frank Cepeda, CUC Waste and Wastewater Division wastewater manager Richard Wasser, and CUC Water and Wastewater manager Paul Raczowski, for racial discrimination with respect to privileges of employment, and retaliation.

Fletcher, Cepeda, Wasser, and Raczowski are being sued in their personal capacity.

Stevens accused the agency of discrimination when it allegedly did not renew his contract, gave him a used and inoperable computer, and did not provide him an office, among other complaints.

Stevens, through counsel Pamela Brown Blackburn, is demanding unspecified compensatory damages, courts costs, and attorney’s fees.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to get comments from the

defendants.

Stevens was hired by CUC on Feb. 28, 2011, as direct responsible charge operator for CUC’s Wastewater Division. The employment contract was for a term of two years.

Brown-Blackburn said that throughout his employment, Stevens was the only African-American in a supervisory role at CUC.

The lawyer said that since starting work in February 2011 up to December 2012, Stevens was not provided with an operable computer or office space to perform his job, despite making several requests for such to Wasser and Raczowski.

Stevens was given in November 2011 a used, discarded CUC computer only after his rented computer was stolen. In April 2012, he returned the computer to CUC as it could not be repaired.

“During the entire tenure of his employment, defendants provided no office space to Stevens in the main operating headquarters despite providing such offices to similarly situated CUC employees,” Brown-Blackburn said.

The lawyer said CUC employees regularly used their

issued vehicles for personal business but not Stevens, who was only allowed to use a CUC truck for which four sets of keys were shared among several employees.

On May 22, 2012, Stevens

tried to take medical leave but his medical leave slip was allegedly rejected by Raczowski due to its format.

In accordance with the employee handbook grievance procedure, Stevens filed a formal grievance against Wasser and Raczowski and asked for a

meeting to resolve the issue.

Brown-Blackburn said no meeting was ever held. Instead, in August 2012, Fletcher e-mailed Stevens stating that Raczowski’s refusal to approve the medical leave as well as the entire procedure to which he was subjected was

inappropriate and promised a meeting.

On Feb. 13, 2013, Stevens received a letter informing him that his position was being advertised and that he could apply and go through the hiring process like any other applicant.

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Clamor, Quichocho are Tinian Jr. High's most outstanding students

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REPORTER

Lisa Nicole P. Clamor and Michelle D. Quichocho were named as this year's most outstanding students of Tinian Junior High School, receiving the highest academic recognitions during the institution's promotions ceremony yesterday morning.

Clamor emerged as class valedictorian and recipient of the prestigious State Board of Education Award bestowed by chair Herman T. Guerrero.

Quichocho was named class salutatorian and received the Commissioner of Education Award from Dr. Rita A. Sablan and her leadership team.

Tinian Junior High promoted yesterday 48 eighth graders to high school. This year's ceremony was themed "Hard Work Beats Talent When Talent Refuses to Work Hard."

On the school's Top 10 list this year were: Clamor, Quichocho, Nicole Quichocho, Mariah Manuel Cruz, Kayziel Gayle Mojica, Rufina Maria Palacios, Edric Marco Hofschneider, Pia Elayne Dela Cruz, Floicia Manibusan, and Mark Joshua Libut.



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Lisa Nicole P. Clamor, center, is flanked by her mother and Education Board chair Herman T. Guerrero during awarding rites yesterday where she was hailed as this year's Board of Education Awardee for Tinian Junior High School.

In her valedictory address, Clamor recognized her parents and teachers for their unconditional support and guidance throughout the years.

"This time it will be hard. We'll have to face all problems high school throws at us. But I am confident enough that our parents and teachers made us all prepared for what we are about to face," she told

her peers, adding that there's still a long road ahead of them which will change their lives even more.

Quichocho, for her part, saluted and congratulated her fellow classmates for making it to high school.

"I would like to salute and congratulate my fellow classmates for making this far. Congratulations to all of you for you have all worked hard and did a job well done. I know getting here wasn't easy but we did it. As this journey end we will begin a new one," she said.

In his congratulatory remarks, BOE chair Guerrero emphasized the uniqueness of each and every student as they strive for their future.

"As you journey for the next four years, try to look back and reflect on the hard work and talent you have invested," he said, adding that PSS and



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Michelle Quichocho receives the Commissioner of Education Award from Dr. Rita A. Sablan and her leadership team during yesterday's promotions ceremony at Tinian Junior High School.

the BOE are looking forward to a successful four years for the promoted students.

Education Commissioner Sablan, for her part, thanked the students' parents for not only supporting their children but for recognizing the hard work and dedication of their kids as they move ahead in their education.

"I want to let you know that when PSS work, we work and partner with everybody. Thank you to [Tinian] Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz who has always been there when our schools need help," she told the crowd.

She also recognized the Municipal Council, the Executive Branch, the business community, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) for their support for public education.

School principal Jennifer San Nicolas left the graduates

with a meaningful message: "This group of students holds a special place in me, because I had many if not most of them as my students in their early el-

ementary years. I'm very proud that I played a role in their journey. This is what exactly what teacher's meant: Teaching can be rewarding."

DPW extends anew Marpi landfill emergency contract

Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan confirmed Tuesday that the six-month emergency contract awarded to Tangs Corp. to operate the Marpi landfill has been extended for three months in the amount of some \$186,000.

Sablan said the extension will give DPW time to issue a request for proposal, receive bids, and award a three-year contract for the landfill's operation.

"An RFP is being finalized. If a long-term contract is awarded earlier than expected, we could terminate the three-month extension contract because that's

one of the conditions," the DPW secretary told *Saipan Tribune*.

DPW awarded Tangs Corp. with a six-month emergency contract in December 2013 to operate the Marpi landfill for some \$372,000. DPW recently approved a three-month extension of that contract, cutting the original price to half.

For more than 20 months now, DPW has been entering into equipment rental agreement with contractors for trash compacting, among other things, at the landfill, mainly because of procurement protests and appeals. (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)



Procurement And Supply CNMI Government



INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB14-DPW/FHWA-105 (A-C)

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 08, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary Of Public Works

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

Pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, a public meeting will be held as part of the federal performance evaluation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comments regarding the operation and implementation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Coastal Management Program.

Written comments are encouraged, and participation at the public meeting is not required for submission. Written comments should be sent to Susie Holst, NOAA/NOS/OCRM, University of New Hampshire, Gregg Hall room 148, 35 Colovos Road, Durham, NH 03824, or via email to Susie.Holst@noaa.gov no later than Friday August 15, 2014.

Notice of Zoning Board Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Monday, June 30th, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • E-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comments (*not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings*)

B. Public Hearings:

Enforcement hearing on the above-referenced Notice of Violation (NOV) 2014-1772, issued on 5/20/14 to Mr. Wei Dong Guo of Pretty Tour (American Herbal Essence Corporation), for constructing structures and installing signs without permits. This property is located on Beach Road in Garapan, on TR 21075, south of the new TICO building and north of Joeten Hafadai Shopping Center. Under section 1406 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, Mr. Guo appeals to the Zoning Board the order of the Zoning Administrator to meet and submit site plans for compliance purposes and assessing penalties.

C. Miscellaneous:

Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogumoro, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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Date: June 30th 2014, Monday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

The above file may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Interested members of the public are invited to attend.

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Experts to address fishery collapse in A. Samoa, overfishing in Western Pacific

HONOLULU—The American Samoa longline fishery is suffering from a potential economic collapse. In 2013, many vessels in the fishery operated at a loss as catches of South Pacific albacore were insufficient to cover operating costs. This and other issues are being addressed at the Scientific and Statistical Committee that advises the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council as the SSC convenes June 17 to 19 at the Council office in Honolulu. The public is invited to attend and provide comments.

Challenging operating conditions are not confined solely to the American Samoa fleet. Fleets across the Central South Pacific from Fiji to the Cook

Islands have suffered similar effects stemming from a mix of high operating costs—mainly fuel—lower prices for albacore and low catch rates of South Pacific albacore.

Longline fishermen perceive an influx of Chinese longline vessels across the South Pacific to be responsible for increased catch competition that is lowering catch rates for domestic longline fisheries. Chinese vessels enjoy substantial subsidies on fuel, licensing, freight costs, vessel construction, exports, tax, loans and labor. The influx of these vessels has been attributed as the main contributor to the doubling of the South Pacific albacore catch from around 40,000 metric tons (mt) in 2000

to over 80,000 mt in 2012. Current catches of South Pacific albacore are approaching and may be exceeding the maximum sustainable yield of the stock.

The Council is considering options to provide relief to the American Samoa fishery such as temporarily opening parts of the large vessel prohibited area in American Samoa to vessels permitted under the American Samoa limited entry program. Spatial options were developed for this fishery to reduce potential gear conflict and catch competition between larger longline vessels and small-scale commercial and recreational troll vessels.

The SSC is also considering and may make recommen-

dations to the Council on the Western and Central North Pacific Ocean striped marlin stock, which has been determined by the National Marine Fisheries Service to be overfished. The overfishing and overfished condition of the striped marlin is due largely to excessive international fishing pressure. However, NMFS believes that the two tuna regional fishery management organizations, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna and the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commissions, have inadequate measures in place to correct the problem. The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council is thus obliged to take international and domestic management action under the relevant sections of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to address international and domestic impacts, respectively. A domestic rule under the Council's Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan may affect Hawaii's pelagic fisheries.

The SSC will also discuss specifying acceptable biological catches for the main Hawaiian Islands deep 7 and non-deep 7 bottomfish and for crustaceans, coral reef fish and precious corals in the Western Pacific Region as required by the MSA. The Council needs to specify annual catch limits for the fishing year 2015 and may consider a multi-year specification.

Recommendations from the SSC will be considered by the Council June 25 to 27, 2014, at the YWCA-Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards St., Honolulu. For the full agendas of the SSC and Council meetings and details on public comment opportunities, go to www.wpcouncil.org/category/council-and-advisory-body-meetings/.

As part of the Council meeting, a Fishers Forum on non-commercial fishing will be held on June 25, 2014, at the Harbor View Center at Pier 38, 1129 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu (above Nico's restaurant). This free public event will feature discussion on catch limits, fishing licenses, data collection and other recreational, subsistence and cultural fishing issues. This Forum will also include a NOAA-led listening session to allow fishermen to weigh in on a proposed national recreational fishing policy, informational booths, door prizes and more.

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council was established by Congress in 1976. Under the MSA, the Council has authority over the fisheries in the Pacific Ocean seaward of the State of Hawai'i, the Territories of American Samoa and Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the US remote island area possessions. (WESPAC)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 20, 2006

Fund board retains lawyer

Pushed to make a legal move, the NMI Retirement Fund board has decided to retain the services of private lawyer Joseph Camacho. Fund board chair Joseph Reyes said Camacho is now assisting the board with its legal actions relating to the government's enactment of a law that suspends its employer contribution of \$1.3 million per pay period up to the end of fiscal year 2007. Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes said the Fund would have a total of three lawyers, including its in-house attorney, James Hollman, and Camacho's associate in his law firm Camacho and Alepuyo.

KHS, PSS termite treatment get chunk of Compact Impact funds

Kagman High School and the treatment and control of termites in all public schools will get the largest share of the finalized Compact Impact Fund given to the CNMI Public School System. According to PSS Federal Programs adviser Tim Thornburgh, the Central Office would proceed with the revised Compact Assistance budget for 2006 that was sent to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in April this year. Kagman High School will get the sum of \$480,000 for its pending additional classrooms and collaterals needed by the school. It will also receive an additional \$100,000 for the repair of its science and technology classroom that was burned down in May 2005.

June 20, 2007

June 30 deadline for amnesty

Residential customers who have illegal electric connections have until the end of the month to come clean and avail of the attorney general's amnesty program to avoid prosecution. Commonwealth Utilities Corp. spokesperson Pamela A. Mathis told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Attorney General Matthew Gregory is offering the amnesty to residential customers only up to June 30, 2007. "The amnesty is for residential customers who are illegally connected. The amnesty means that they [Attorney General's Office] will not put you in jail. It's not offered by CUC, it's an AG amnesty," Mathis said.

New CNMI magazine sets July launch

The maiden issue of the newest magazine to hit these islands will be unveiled on July 5, with the aim of becoming the first high-end glossy magazine truly made on Saipan. *Marianas Pride*—or simply *MP Magazine*—will be the very first magazine that will feature people who have made a remarkable impact on CNMI politics, sports, community and even the lifestyles of people on the islands. In a presentation held yesterday for the Rotary Club of Saipan in the Sui Lan Room of the Hyatt Regency, Titan Media Group president Ed Propst said the new magazine would highlight the pride of the CNMI, spanning all the races and nationalities that now constitute the Commonwealth.

June 20, 2008

Islands' rental prices dropping

Saipan's ongoing economic downturn is prompting scores of local landlords to drop prices in a bid to stand out among the hundreds of starkly vacant rental properties available on the island. The decline in rental prices is visible every day in housing advertisements and appears to have even prompted one commercial property on Middle Road to advertise "Free Rent"—at least free for the first two months of a one-year lease—in a banner across the front of the building. Price cuts appear confined for now to the low end of the rental market—where prices in many cases have dropped \$200 to \$400—while rents on the island's pricier apartments are holding steady, some real estate agents report. However, others note the trend has also emerged in the high-rent residential and commercial sectors.

House gives retirement bill a second pass

The House of Representatives has passed a new version of a vetoed bill on disability retirement. The House members approved on Wednesday a bill streamlining the application process for claiming disability retirement. Under the bill, a member of the NMI Retirement Fund will need certification from two physicians, including one specialist, that he or she is totally and permanently disabled due to physical or mental incapacitation. Currently, certification is required from two physicians and a vocational rehabilitation counselor. Proponents of the bill have said these requirements are too difficult to meet.



GOOD JOB!

Congratulations and more power to Ciuss Capacio Mostales for successfully completing her high school at Saipan Southern High School on June 17. Greetings come from proud parents Sid and Grace Mostales.

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Kaleolani Joy Kani recently graduated from 5th grade at the Sully Elementary School in Virginia. She received numerous awards that she would like to dedicate to her grandparents, Leonardo and Mertie Kani and Valentino and Cris Taisakan. Her awards were perfect attendance, honor, and Top 2 in art class. She was also one of four students to get the President's Award out of three 5th grade classes in her school. Kani is a former Dandan Elementary School student.

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Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Saipan Shrimp & Broodstock Co., Ltd. Human Resources Office located in Linao Ln, China Town. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, July 3, 2014

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Russia's latest aggression on Ukraine no surprise

While entirely predictable, Russia's move to cut off huge amounts of natural gas it sends to Ukraine further inflames the tensions between those two nations and could have much broader implications, especially in Europe. The announcement was painful enough to Ukraine because it's a heavily industrialized nation whose major industries depend on natural gas. But the situation worsened Monday when Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk cryptically announced that Russia also has halted the importation of Ukraine's agricultural products. Russia is one of the major markets for Ukrainian agriculture. Yatsenyuk said the moves are designed to "destroy Ukraine." It's hard to see it any other way.

Ukraine already is rife with internal discord that has pitted those with Russian loyalties—mostly in the eastern portion of the country—against those who have favored looking to the West in hope that this would help their country become a more independent, sovereign nation. Russia has used a heavy hand to influence events in Ukraine since it left the Soviet Union more than two decades ago. It has cut off natural gas supplies twice before, including during the harsh winter months when residents suffered from restrictions on energy for heating.

The effects of the shut-off may be felt throughout Europe because Ukrainian pipelines are a crucial link between Europe and Russia, with about 15 percent of the continent's natural gas flowing through Ukrainian territory.

Russia couches its action as more of a business dispute than a geopolitical one. That is disingenuous. Russia was fine with Ukraine's paying \$269 per 1,000 cubic meters of gas as long as the Kremlin-friendly (a euphemism for political puppet) Victor Yanukovych was the president.

But since protests in the streets of Kiev forced the clearly corrupt Yanukovych to flee the country last February, Russia has retaliated on a number of fronts. It annexed the Crimean Peninsula, conducted extensive military exercises along the border and sowed seeds of unrest in other areas of eastern Ukraine.

Then it decided to charge Ukraine \$485 per 1,000 cubic meters of gas as well as strangle its agricultural export market. Ukraine strenuously objected to the price increase, which would be the highest price in Europe by quite a margin. The Russians came down to \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters, but the deal still contained provisions that would allow Russia to impose price hikes if the Ukrainian government does anything that displeases the Kremlin. That sounds like geopolitical extortion rather than a business deal. But Putin has his own dictionary for these kinds of things. It seems his trustworthiness and ethics grow sketchier by the day.

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Yo, dude, 'nong Joe

That's Jose Rizal whose birthday Pilipinos remember today. The man in black downed in Bagumbayan field one early morning 118 years ago in what is now Luneta in Manila walks the corridors of our memory. I was an activist during my college days, and I chose to have a man like Bonifacio fight for rights rather than a Rizal die for honor and pride. Boni now walks alongside.

I was born in Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, center of agrarian unrest where the fight for rights translated to rights for rice. Lolo Jose died a martyr from Dominican friars' machinations but the masonic Bonifacio was executed by his political opponents in a power struggle with General Aguinaldo who chose Jose Rizal as the primal hero of the country. U.S. guardians also opted for the passivity of a Rizal rather than the explosiveness of the sensitive and emotional Bonifacio. Likewise, Catholics in former Spanish colonies shed more tears on the passion of the cross than the determined table overturn in the temple of Jerusalem and the reality of death having no dominion.

It really does not matter. The *Pinoyze* is both. This writer knows himself to be heir to the meta-brain of Europe that evolved from the sense of chosen-ness of the old couple Abraham and Sarah of the Levant down through the liberator Moses, the prophet Isaiah, the messianic Jesus, the apostle Paul, the theologian Augustine, the metaphysician Aquinas, the monastic Luther, and to the existentialist Kierkegaard, but also married to the rich natural instinct, intuition, intellect, and intention of an ordinary *tao* in the Malay peninsula.

Manong Jose come closest to the European heritage in our characterization while Bonifacio came naturally and reflexively to revolution but I am clear that the heroes of the Philippines today are no longer the exemplars of old but rather are the men and women in diaspora who bother to plumb the existential depth and profundity of their existence, expand the breath and scale the height of their human greatness, and embrace the gift of consciousness in their ordinary life, many doing so in their newfound residences around the globe, while others return home to establish a new order on the staid homegrown social stratification.

Except in the Tagalog region where Bonifacio was "King," seventh of nine children born 153 years ago, Jose Rizal is prominently revered by the *Pinoyze* intelligentsia that fill professional and academic ranks around the world, along with the hardworking housemaids, shopkeepers, construction workers, and nannies that I've

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seen gather weekly on their off days in prominent centers and plazas in places like Hong Kong, Rome, and Madrid. Something about the 35-year-old martyr overshadowed his younger compatriot Bonifacio who died a year after Rizal's intentional contortion to face the reluctant Pilipino soldiers assigned by the Spaniards to execute him on threat of being shot themselves should they choose not to perform their duty.

The precocious Rizal was, of course, a child of privilege. His siblings included an older brother Paciano who was open in speaking about freedom and individual rights, themes that the Dominican lessors of the family's rice farms were not pleased to note, making the family change their name from Mercado to Rizal.

Ours is a captivity and liberation of a different nature. My captivity was once viewed as simply the challenge of survival. In Ilokandia where the meager real estate was not subdivided among siblings, the eldest got everyone educated so that they can be self-sufficient and migrate elsewhere, to Mindanao or abroad. The eldest kept the land and the youngest became a head nurse in New York, or a surgeon in Boston.

A Chinese colleague who once worked in Kuwait before Saddam grabbed the oil commented that the Filipino workers remitted half of their earnings home and kept the other half so they can party on precious "illicit" spirits on their day off. Her observation was of a people who worked hard, but played just as hard.

In contrast, she and her group never felt they earned enough *dinars*, so they saved every *filis* they can hang on to, and bit their nails along the way. They were prey to "get-rich-quick" schemes, which floated aplenty! I know of Chinese workers on Saipan who took their \$30K savings from the garment industry and other side endeavors to the Tinian gaming tables before they were scheduled to leave island, and in their loss, became despondent and desperate get-rich-quick practitioners.

In the early '90s, I worked on natural resource management with folks on Siquijor while living in Mactan off Cebu, and a gentleman who spent time in Saudi Arabia surviving on his world-wise and

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Abarambau I Tanu`!

Esta ta diskute pot burukan i tanu`. Pa`gu mauleg ta akanteha kau magahet na abarambau. Sige hu yeñgyoñg haguhan rason para bai tamtam kau magahet i man-saingan. Atan ya un` repara i sigiente siha na asuntun linahyan:

25 pot sientu ma-utut sueddon man-ritirau. Mas ha` gi dimalas ke Christmas!

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Todu gastu kahulu, i sueddu man-masimientu gi fache` tropan "Do-Nothing!"

Kanaha` ta pupunu` hit man-fundraising para malañguta. Mana`e NMDs \$100-mit pesus para usun niha.

Tita lalañgag apas hospitat yan amot. Sige ha` mañgarera kulan mohon gaige gi hilu` aire offisinan niha. Man-ma`añau man-machochu` gi fitme na pisun tanu`.

Guaha mohon esperanza yan kampu para fitme na adelantun linahyan ginen i man-sabiun I Deni`?

Esta i tautau ti man-kakadiñg pot chinatsaga na mababatsala manu i chechetun gi tautau niha. Kumu offisiat publiku hau, muñga mafa` ignorante hau sa` isaumu yan pot diskuidumu na taiguine na sapet guaha gi tautau siha. Haf` otu gueku na promesa para in lapbla i publiku na biahe?

Haf` Tinatemu?

O`sun-yu` `sta lehislaturan Sears Roebuck yan JC Penny ni yumute` asunto-ta ni publiku gi un` banda kulan lamug na matai galagu. I mas fotte na defektu i taya` satton na kinemprende gi asuntu linahyan siha. Kulan ha`anen feria diari para siha.

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`An un` yotte pot probleman ekonomia siha lokue` mañgonfotme. Lau siha man-gaige gi siya pa`gu. Yangin deste primet sakudida masge i asuntu ke ya haf` bidadamu guennau na kuetpu?

Kau nahoñg hinimide giya hagu ya un`nana`lu i siyan mame kosa-sake siña bai`n entrega gi otu ni kumomprende sustansian representasion gi dichu asuntun linahyan?

In` tiñgu kabales na kada sakan na diskuidu ginen hamyu, tres años tatte `nai in` pega ha`anen i publiku. Esta ti manlistu ham para este na diskuidu. No Mas!

Bachet yan taña

Sige hu akanteha manu `nai gaige defektu gi mafatañgaysiha na asuntun linahyan. Esta hu guadog haf` edukasion niha, ekspirensia yan otu siha presisu na asuntu. Ti hu komprende manu `nai sessu man-masge` na taiguine na diskuidu guaha.

Bes enkuandu hu repara na dispues de kotbatan Sears Roebuck, hokog mames sa` memegaiña ti tumuñgu` haf` nesessidat yan iniguñg i publiku. `An un` lapbla seriusu na kuestion kadu` man-e`ekuñgog ya sige ma-espiha rason para u madiñgu i lugat.

Mampos triste na karera i mafatañgaye haf` sessu sumasapet megai gi tautau-ta. Lau haye u fan hahassu publiku piot ya makalelu yan mampos mafñot i kotbatan Sears Roebuck?

Linau gaston hinemlu`

`Nai kahulu` gastun hinemlu` deste health insurance, apas hospitat (deductible) yan amot, ha lachai muna` fan galileg todú familia guine.

Ti komprendiyun haf` na ni unu mamaisen gi federat para umalagnos Marianas ginen este na proframa. Lau gaige este na finatsu mas gi timatuñgu haf` gaige guihe na pakete. Dispues ti mataitai sa` dididi` mangai problema tinaitai finu` Eñglis.

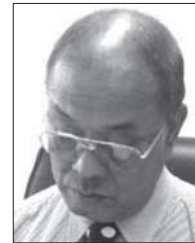
Rason kasse na ti makomprende i aminasu gi tautau sa` man-masuesuetdu \$90 mit pesus gi sakan. Lau na ti destrosiu yan sumen sa`pet este na lai federat?

Kontodu Kilili` mamatkilu kasse pot dos rasan: 1). Ti sumaunau

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



membron Congresson Amerika gi kobransa `sino programa. 2). Tiha tuñgu` na mampos na destrosiu este na gastu gi monedan familia siha guine. Haf` na taiguine na diskuidu guaha?

Megai lumagnos siha ginen inapases niniha health insurance` sa` linachai i tetehnan gi sueddu. I ti man kualifikau Medicaid siempre siha u inapase gaston setbisiun mediku yan hospitat.

Man-na`mase` i man-pinalo`pu` nu este na estau sa` ti umafalague hospitat estake man-sen malañgu. Mas malañgu i natibu ginen dañon Obamacare. Buenas! Guaha tautau gi gima?

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I mañan no-siañkassu ti halom offisiat publiku i mas tailaye sa` mayute` asuntun tautau-ta gi un` banda para siha u espihan maisa siha. Ke lau ti man-hula` hau umakseptu asuntun linahyan? Kau linachai fuetsan man-hassu ni latigasun casino? Hombre casino nina` kilulog hau. Kuandu menos ya laseriosu na asuntu. Fan gai mamahlau!

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Komprendiyun na este i kabayeron politika taya` mamahlaña. Achogha` tiha tuñgu ha atrebigue` pot ignoranteña gi asuntu. Piot ya hababa sekosña ya todú lache. Finu` i kuentos maulegña mamatkilu ya u sige dumibina haf` tiniñgo`mu ke un lapbla hau ya un` funas todú dinida. Sension hinimide yan pinasensia baston tomtum!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A tip for the governor

According to your official website, you oversee 38 agencies (minus five that are vacant), departments, and councils and 16 or more autonomous agencies or public corporations. You are a trained accountant with many years of experience, per your bio, and you are, of course, the boss of these 49 or more departments, et al. Your word is final, I would think.

I was an investigative accountant so here's a tip for you. You call these agency, department, council, corporation, or whatever heads into your office, one at a time for a one-on-one chitchat and lay the law down. Give them seven days to get you a real, up-to-date accounting of every penny spent by their office over the past 180 days. No "miscellaneous" BS accounts. They have computers so put a detailed description on every single penny. Your trained eye will spot irregularities immediately. Overtime, vehicle expenses, rentals of all kinds, contributions, entertainment, consultants, special consultants, contractors, bonuses, travel, phones and phone service are just a few areas you should look at. You should ask the feds to do it for their operations here also. If you don't find at least \$1 million in waste in those six months, you aren't really looking.

Remember, that's our money, not yours and I don't think you will be surprised to find most of the corruption will be in "autonomous agencies." I want \$800,000 of that savings for PSS to get 13,000 touch screen tablets for every child on Saipan so they can have a chance to thrive in this 21st century. How about it? While I've got you on the line, can you please tell your agencies, etc., to get online and up to date? It's really hard biking between offices to get information. Thanks, governor.

P.S.: The proposal by Marianas Star is the most intelligent and brilliant idea to come to Saipan for 35 years. Retirees, get the paper and read their proposal. This is the one you should rally around: two casinos, twice the guaranteed license fee every year. Competition is good. Get another McDonald's operator here and you will see \$1 hamburgers like Guam has.

Gary DuBrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

YO, DUDE

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street-smart wits refused to return captive to the entrenched status quo on island, and engaged in a remarkable string of self-reliant entrepreneurial liberations.

It's Jose and Josefine, Andres and Andrea *Pinoyze* dispersed and homebound who are the Rizal and Bonifacio of our time. Thank you to Lolo Pepe and Andres for their life demos, but the challenge of liberation from captivity, and the new lifestyle of individual freedom and responsibility, is now our very own!

Costly errors give new hope to al-Qaida



The dissolution of Iraq is the entirely predictable result of a series of bad American decisions compounded by Iraqi government mistakes. The result is a disaster for the Iraqi and American people and a gift to radical Islamists worldwide. Correcting the mistakes will be enormously costly in blood and treasure and will take decades to repair.

The initial and most costly mistake was the decision to invade Iraq in the first place on the misguided belief that Saddam Hussein had a stockpile of weapons of mass destruction. Ignoring the history of deterrence, through which states choose not to use these weapons against other states for fear of reprisal, post-9/11 hysteria drove an illogical and destabilizing decision to upset the balance of power in the Middle East with no plan to police the inevitable chaos that followed the invasion.

Initial errors of providing too few troops to govern Iraq after Saddam was toppled were compounded by disbanding the Iraqi army and forbidding former Ba'ath party members from future government service; together, they inspired a Sunni insurgency against the American occupation. Too-few troops who had never been trained to conduct counterinsurgency fought against an enemy they didn't understand and could rarely see. Iraq descended into chaos.

When all seemed lost, America made its one good decision of the entire fiasco, installing Robert Gates as secretary of defense and Gen. David Petraeus as Iraq commander to implement a fully resourced counterinsurgency strategy for the first time. The surge forces battled insurgents and also partnered with reconstituted Iraq security forces. Violence plummeted, and by 2010 there was a decent chance that, with continued American air power and advisers to support Iraqi forces and compel good decisions by the fledgling Iraqi government, a democratic Iraq would emerge from the shambles of one of the biggest mistakes in American history.

We fumbled the ball at the goal line by failing to negotiate a long-term security relationship with the Iraqi government. Left on its own, the Shia government followed its worst impulses, oppressing the Sunni minority and inspiring a reinvigorated insurgency.

The summer of 2012 saw another unforced American error. We had the opportunity to support moderate Sunni insurgents fighting to depose

BY JOHN NAGL

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

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President Bashar al-Assad of Syria, but chose to let them fight without our assistance. Al-Qaida affiliated fighters took control of the insurgency, killing many of the moderate fighters and creating an impossible choice for American policy in Syria: We could support al-Qaida or the tyrant Assad, who regularly uses chemical weapons against his own people. As in Iraq, the window to support the good guys closed, never to be reopened.

Now an unholy alliance of al-Qaida-affiliated Syrian insurgents has combined with native Sunni insurgents and captured much of the country that American forces fought so hard to secure. Without American advisers and the airpower they bring, which would easily decimate the insurgents, the Iraqi forces have simply melted away, surrendering without a fight.

Without American airpower and Special Operations Forces to control it and inspire a will to fight, there is a real chance that Baghdad will fall, just as Saigon did in 1975 when America similarly abandoned its allies without advisers and air support.






Ending wars is easy. Ending them responsibly by leaving a better peace behind is harder and more expensive, requiring the long-term commitment of troops—a tough decision we have made in the wake of every victorious war since World War II. In Iraq, as in Vietnam, we spurned the sacrifices of our own soldiers and our allies by making an expedient but shortsighted decision that, having paid the price to win the war, we would not pay the much smaller price to secure the peace.

Our negligence and dereliction of duty have given new hope to al-Qaida and may cost us a friendly government in Iraq that many of my friends died to establish. The big question now is whether, as currently planned, we will similarly devalue the work of my friends who died to give the Afghan people a chance at freedom by failing to provide that country with the advisers and airpower that would secure Afghanistan against its inevitable future enemies. We can already see the heavy cost of failing to build a better peace in Iraq.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲ 83 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80

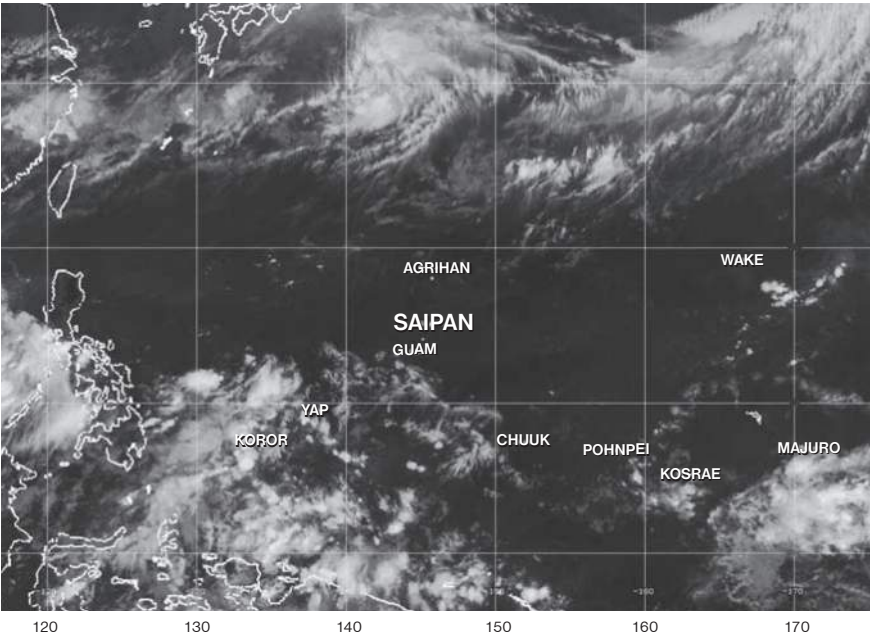
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 58 ▼ 54
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 65
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 81
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 73
London	Showers	▲ 75 ▼ 53
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 60
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 76
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 71
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 83 ▼ 65
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 58
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 75 ▼ 65
Rome	Showers	▲ 74 ▼ 61
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 75 ▼ 49
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 69 ▼ 51
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 64
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 69
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 97 ▼ 76

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:47 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
8:10 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
1:10 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
7:48 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Palau and west of Yap west of a line from 12N137E to EQ137E. Scattered showers are also found southeast of Koror south of a line from 4N137E to 4N146E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Tarawa and Butaritari south of a line from 5N167E to 8N180. A surface trough meanders eastward from near Wake Island at 17N166E to 19N173E to beyond the date line at 19N. Scattered showers are present southeast of Wake Island within 100 miles of this boundary.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:39 AM
Friday	12:06 AM 12:34 PM
Saturday	12:51 AM 1:29 PM
Sunday	1:36 AM 2:23 PM
Monday	2:21 AM 3:16 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 18, 2014

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR; D2: Dynamic Air

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Man in Kagman standoff pleads guilty, gets 6 mos.

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

A former archaeologist accused of staging a seven-hour standoff with authorities and threatening to kill two women last year pleaded guilty yesterday in Superior Court and was sentenced to six months in prison.

Herman C. Tudela Jr. and his counsel, Joaquin Torres, signed a plea agreement with the government. He pleaded guilty to resisting arrest in the standoff case and to assault and battery and disturbing the peace in the other case.

Associate Judge Joseph N.

Camacho sentenced Tudela to the maximum six months in prison for each charge. The sentences shall run concurrently, which means the actual prison term for both cases is six months. Tudela, 40, was given credit for 33 days of time served.

Tudela was required to attend counseling as recommended by the Community Guidance Center while incarcerated.

Tudela apologized to the victims, authorities, his family, and to the court for the crimes that he committed. He promised not to commit crimes anymore.

Tudela's daughter and mi-

nor son, who were both crying, hugged him before a court marshal brought him to the Department of Corrections to start serving his sentence.

Camacho denied Tudela's request to be allowed to spend time with his family for a week before serving his sentence, saying that DOC is not a hotel where you can check in and check out any time. Camacho told Tudela he should understand he is being punished for his crimes.

Interim chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty stated that, according to the factual basis of the plea deal, Tudela drove up his vehicle to

the residence of Leticia Bowie on July 24, 2013, shouting profanities at her home.

At that time, Flaherty said, Bowie was inside the house with her child. Tudela threatened to kill everyone in the house.

That same day, Tudela yelled profanities and threats of violence at the home of Melva Tadeo, who was sitting in the garage of her home with her son.

Flaherty said that after these incidents were reported to police and an arrest warrant was issued for Tudela that same day, Tudela resisted efforts of law enforcement officers to

execute that warrant by preventing them access to his home via threat of force.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Tudela with assault with a dangerous weapon, obstructing justice, and resisting arrest. In the second case, the OAG charged him with three counts of assault and three counts of disturbing the peace.

As part of the plea bargain, OAG dropped the remaining charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and obstructing justice in one case and two counts of assault and two counts of disturbing the peace.

The seven-hour standoff on July 24 and 25, 2013, ended when members of the Department of Public Safety's Tactical Response Enforcement Team swooped into the house and arrested Tudela and rescued his 10-year-old son.

Tudela allegedly refused to be served with an arrest warrant and instead barricaded himself inside his house.

The arrest warrant stemmed from an incident earlier that day of July 24 when Tudela, allegedly in fit of jealousy, threatened to kill a neighbor and her family.

Marie Castro to speak at JKPL event

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is inviting the public to attend a special presentation by local author Marie S.C. Castro on Saturday, June 21, 2014, from 10am to 12pm at the Pacific Collection wing of the library.

If you missed her earlier presentations at the American Memorial Park Museum and Saipan World Resort, this could be your last chance on island to hear Castro speak about her experience growing up in the Northern Marianas during the Japanese Administration and then World War II.

Come see a short slideshow and hear her reflect on memories of the CNMI past and pres-

ent. Read about her life story in her new book, *Without a Penny in My Pocket: My Bittersweet Memories Before and After World War II*, published by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council through funding received from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Copies of her book are now on sale at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library main lobby for \$20 each. Castro will be available for autograph signings after her presentation.

For more information or to reserve your copy of the book, call JKPL's Technical Services Librarian Rosalyn Ajoste at 235-7329. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free USDA workshop for farmers, ranchers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is inviting the public to a free workshop called "What's Good for the Farmer is Good for Everyone." It will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, starting at 6:30pm, at the Kagman Community Center. The workshop will teach farmers and ranchers how to explore grants, financing, risk management, and technical assistance programs as well as opportunities to leverage resources and build partnerships. This is a tri-agency workshop involving Rural Development, Farm Services Agency, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. (USDA)

Electrical maintenance at American Memorial Park

During the morning of June 21, 2014, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be performing electrical maintenance work on circuit switches located within American Memorial Park. The American Memorial Park Visitor Center will open at 10:30am

on Saturday, June 21, 2014, following completion of the electrical maintenance work. (NPS)

MHS dates to remember

- June 19: Last day for students (Early dismissal at 12pm)
- June 24: Report cards are available for pick up
- June 30: Registration deadline for new and incoming 9th grade students
- June 30 – Aug. 8: Summer and online school
- July 7 – Aug. 1: Extended year program

For more information, call the Main Office at 237-3206/2/5. You can also check the website, www.marianashighschool.com. (MHS)

Kagman High half-day sessions

Parents and guardians of Kagman High School are being informed that Tuesday to Thursday, June 17- 19, will have half-day sessions. We will release students at 12:30pm for our accreditation work session and preparation for next school year. For any questions, contact our office at 237-3834. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy first birthday, Aubrey Ysabella Jordanika. You are the highlight of our lives and our sunshine on a cloudy day. You are truly the greatest blessing. Enjoy your day, princess. We love you! Hugs and kisses from Mommy.

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VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Participants complete the three-week Grace Christian Academy Volleyball Summer Camp. The program started on June 2 and ended on June 18, 2014. The volleyball camp was coached by Cesar Libut.

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69th Liberation Day kicks off on June 27

» Theme will be a tribute to late mayors

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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The 69th Liberation Day will kick off on June 27 and will run through July 6 at the Garapan Fishing Base in front of Kristo Rai on Beach Road.

According to Liberation Day committee chair Vicente Camacho said this year's theme is going to be a "Reunion of Honor: Tribute to the Mayors" since the

islands just lost former mayors Prudencio Manglona and Donald Glenn P. Flores.

"We are still going to have a parade and that parade is also going to be dedicated to the mayors," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*. "We might have to put the families of the late mayors on convertibles to highlight all of them."

According to Camacho, the parade's submission deadline

for participants, which also includes the float competition and regular floats, is this June 30.

"The parade route is going to be from south to north around the Quartermaster area maybe, but we are still looking at it," Camacho said.

Camacho noted that they may allow alcohol to be served at the Liberation Day festivities.

"The plan is to bring in and allow alcohol and there will be a section to control the alcohol and have nightly entertainment

as well," Camacho said.

The Liberation Day Committee still looking for entertainers, performers, participants, food vendors, and those who plan to join this year's 69th celebration of Liberation Day.

"We are asking for vendors and it is still open. The public is encouraged to call and participate in the float competition, the parade, and entertainment," Camacho said.

For more information contact the Saipan Mayor's Office at (670) 234-2608 or Camacho at (670) 287-5351.

UFO's Pistang Pinoy sees low turnout but is still successful

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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Despite the humid and rainy weather and the event coinciding with Father's Day, this year's *Pistang Pinoy* was still successful, according to United Filipino Organization's Mario Mayuga.

The event was held last Sunday, June 15, at the Garapan Fishing Base across the Kristo Rai Church and started as early as 7am, ending at 8pm.

"The turnout is pretty good but not that many people, but it was still a successful event," Mayuga told *Saipan Tribune*.

The event kicked off with the

medical mission spearheaded by the Tau Gamma Phi with more than 200 availing of the free health checkups by the group, Hardt Eye Clinic, and Brabu Pharmacy and other volunteers. The medical mission ended at 11am and continued later in the afternoon.

UFO president Annamae Adaza led the welcoming remarks at 12pm, while Tan Holdings senior vice president Eli Arago gave an inspirational talk.

The Nipa Hut making contest was won by Isabelita Salcedos,

who took first place. Second place went to Miles Navarro, while third place went to Veronica Dantic.

In the Kids Drawing contest,

» Salcedos top Nipa Hut and Kids Drawing contest

Tricia Salcedo took first place and Ramhae Awit took second place.

Performers entertained the crowd during the whole-day festivity. They included Rolly Capayas and the High Pitch Band, Star Engine, Rannie Enriquez, Mix Jam Pinoy Rock Band, Glenn Mesina, Prinze The Magician, Out-of-the-Ordinary Band, Keynotes School

of Music, Saipan Music and Dance, Erica and Lawrence Tubera, Zumba Group, Froilan de Leon, and Donato Santiago, who did a tribute to fathers for Father's Day.

The Pinoy Super Mom candidates were also introduced to the community during the event.

Adaza said that she would like to thank all sponsors and donors that helped make the event successful. Major sponsors of *Pistang Pinoy* include Docomo Pacific, in cooperation with LBC Mabuhay, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Coca-Cola, Marpac, Dollar Days, and KWAU 100.3 FM.



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Matua Riders Group cleans Garapan St.



Matua Riders Group collects 900 lbs of trash and debris along Garapan St. on June 7, 2014, as part of the "Beautify My Marianas" campaign administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

"It's not how much money we will receive... it's all about our island."

That's what the non-profit Matua Riders Group said following their participation in the "Beautify My Marianas" program. The group cleaned Garapan St. from Bank of Guam to Bank of Saipan on June 7, 2014, sweeping up 900 lbs of trash and debris.

"We were amazed how filthy the street was," said the motorcycle riders' organization in their post-cleanup report. "The sad part is, this is supposed to be a tourist attraction. We want [visitors] to come back and to spread the word of how beautiful our island is and how much we take pride in keeping it clean."

The group conducted tree trimming, bush cutting, raking,



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Twenty-one volunteers of Matua Riders Group collect 900 lbs of trash and debris along Garapan St. on June 7, 2014, as part of the "Beautify My Marianas" campaign administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

and leaf blowing. They also collected trash from the drainage and along the road. Twenty-one volunteers of the group worked 3 1/2 hours on the cleanup.

"To us, the mission is still not complete," the group said. "There is still a lot of work to be done, and we would like to continue this work on our next schedule."

"Beautify My Marianas" is an island beautification program providing cash for cleanup projects. It is administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority and

the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

"Beautify My Marianas" aims to keep the Northern Marianas clean and pristine and offers a minimum of \$100 to groups to pick up trash in designated areas on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Applications are available at www.mymarianas.com and www.saipanchamber.com, the MVA, or SCC, and upon approval of their application, groups will be assigned an area that requires clean up. (MVA)

Bordallo lauds Obama move to expand ocean sanctuaries, fight illegal fishing

Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) issued the following statement yesterday regarding President Obama's proposal to create the world's largest marine sanctuary in the Central Pacific and the presidential memorandum to direct federal agencies to develop comprehensive policy and programs to combat illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing and particularly seafood fraud.

The President's announcement was made during Secretary of State John Kerry's "Our Ocean" conference on June 16 and 17, which brought together stakeholders from more than 80 countries to focus on three major threats to oceans—overfishing, marine pollution, and ocean acidification.

"I applaud President Obama for his continued efforts to protect and preserve our oceans and ocean ecosystems for future generations. It is important that the United States demonstrate international leadership in ocean protection. We share our oceans with many nations, and it will take our collective leadership to tackle the challenges we face. Our efforts build off what Palau and Kiribati, among other nations, have done to protect their ocean resources.

"I understand that the Administration intends for public input as they finalize actions on expanding the Central Pacific marine sanctuary. It is important that this input clearly and accu-

ately reflects the expansion's impact on the Pacific's island communities, particularly our commercial and recreational fishing communities. I urge transparency and the engagement of local jurisdictions and impacted Pacific nations in the decision-making process, and ask that the Administration ensure that our island and fishing communities' concerns are adequately taken into consideration during the public process.

"I also commend the President for his focus on fisheries protection, as outlined by his memorandum establishing a multi-agency task force and comprehensive framework to combat, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and seafood fraud. Illegal fishing is a threat to our economic security and the social infrastructure of fishing communities like Guam's. However, I encourage the IUU task force to also address strengthening the capacity of, and increasing resources for, enforcement against perpetrators of illegal fishing. Focusing on seafood fraud is important, but more can be done to stop this fraud from the beginning. Given the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean, I hope more thought is given to how to leverage the military's maritime domain capabilities to identify IUU fishing followed up with robust Coast Guard enforcement." (PR)

San Antonio Elementary joins 'Beautify My Marianas'

San Antonio Elementary recently joined the list of growing groups supporting the tourism industry through "Beautify My Marianas," an island beautification project providing cash for cleanup projects. "Beautify My Marianas" is administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The school's MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Club cleaned up from San Antonio Beach Park to San Antonio Beach last month, netting 120 lbs of trash.

"A majority were cigarette buds (*sic*) that were left around the pavilion, used diapers, broken bottles, plastic products, and cans," said the club in their report. "Along the way we found additional trash, such as a pile of burnt trash left on the beachside sand and trash that was abandoned along the dirt road leading up to San Antonio School."

"Beautify My Marianas"



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Members of the San Antonio Elementary MY WAVE Club conducts a beach cleanup in San Antonio on May 3, 2014, as part of the "Beautify My Marianas" campaign administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

aims to keep the Northern Marianas clean and pristine and offers a minimum of \$100 to groups to pick up trash in designated areas on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Depending on the level of difficulty and the type of project (e.g., trash cleaning with some tree trimming

or brush cutting), the \$100 fee may be increased. Applying groups must meet all eligibility guidelines.

Applications are available at www.mymarianas.com and www.saipanchamber.com, the MVA, or SCC, and upon approval of their application,

groups will be assigned an area that requires clean up. It will be up to the group submitting their application to decide how many people will clean the area and when the cleanup will be accomplished.

Approved groups must provide before, during and after photos of the site, as evidence of the cleanup prior to disbursement of funds.

Participants in the San Antonio Elementary cleanup were Alaysha Mondido, Mariechrist Castro, Kyla T., Elisha Posadas, Merari Aniga, Sheila Pascual, Loren Obrero, Joemari Pulido, Chioni Dela Cruz, Kevin Ada, Jethro Famacurlano, Noime Mangalinao, Raymond Caleb Dejillas, Marylou Dejillas, and Virginia Richards. (MVA)

Business

FDA prepping long-awaited plan to reduce salt

WASHINGTON (AP)—Food companies and restaurants could soon face government pressure to make their foods less salty—a long-awaited federal effort to try to prevent thousands of deaths each year from heart disease and stroke.

The Food and Drug Administration is preparing voluntary guidelines asking the food industry to lower sodium levels, FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg told The Associated Press. Hamburg said in a recent interview that the sodium is “of huge interest and concern” to the agency.

“We believe we can make a big impact working with the industry to bring sodium levels down, because the current level of consumption really is higher than it should be for health,” Hamburg said.

It’s still unclear when FDA will release the guidelines, despite its 2013 goal to have them completed this year.

Hamburg said she hoped the agency would be able to publicly discuss the issue “relatively soon.” On Tuesday, FDA spokeswoman Erica Jefferson said there is no set time-



This Feb. 7, 2012 file photo shows a shopper walking down the canned soup aisle at a grocery store in Cincinnati. AP

line for their release.

The food industry has already made some reductions, and has prepared for government action since a 2010 Institute of Medicine report said companies had not made enough progress on making foods less salty. The IOM advised the government to establish maximum sodium levels for different foods, though the FDA said then—and maintains now—that it favors a voluntary route.

Americans eat about 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt daily, about

a third more than the government recommends for good health and enough to increase the risk of high blood pressure, strokes and other problems. Most of that sodium is hidden inside common processed foods and restaurant meals.

In addition to flavor, companies use sodium to increase shelf life, prevent the growth of bacteria, or improve texture and appearance. That makes it more difficult to remove from some products, Hamburg noted.

Amazon is about to jump into smartphones

NEW YORK (AP)—Amazon, a company of seemingly boundless ambition, appears to be venturing into yet another market: smartphones.

The corporate juggernaut that started out with books and soon moved into music, video, cloud computing and Kindle e-readers is hosting a launch event Wednesday in Seattle, and media reports indicate the product will be an Amazon phone—perhaps one with multiple cameras that can produce 3-D photos.

Amazon declined to comment, but analysts said the goal is almost certainly a device designed to get customers to buy more things from Amazon. It might include an Amazon shopping app or other features tied in tightly to the products the com-

pany sells.

“It’s Amazon. That says to me the core value proposition is going to be about shopping,” said Ramon Llamas of the research firm International Data Corp.

Amazon’s phone comes at a time when the nation’s largest e-commerce company is at a crossroads.

Its stock, which surged for years despite narrow profits, has dropped 18 percent in 2014 to about \$326, in part because investors have been losing patience with its habit of plowing revenue back into new ventures.

Analysts said the move into smartphones is a bit of a head-scratcher, since the company is a late entrant into the highly competitive market.

For all its success with oth-

er products, Amazon will be hard-pressed to compete with Samsung and Apple, the No. 1 and 2 mobile phone companies in the world.

Globally, Samsung led mobile phone manufacturers with 31 percent of the 288 million units shipped in the first quarter, followed by Apple at 15 percent. In the U.S., Apple dominates with more than 37 percent of the 34 million units shipped, with Samsung at close to 29 percent.

Some analysts have speculated that the 3-D feature might tie into an Amazon shopping app. Shoppers might be able to use the phone to take a 3-D picture of a product in a store, then search for the object on Amazon and buy it online.

switch issue—so consumers might still decide it’s smarter to buy their wheels elsewhere.

But for now, experts say, GM has retained buyers’ confidence by appearing to act quickly on safety matters—even though GM’s internal investigation into the small-car switch recall showed that employees took years to realize they had a safety problem on their hands.

“People are associating that with being vigilant more than being careless,” said Larry Dominique, president of ALG, formerly Automotive Lease Guide, whose data is used by dealers to set values of leased cars.

GM sales, used-car values hold up through recalls

DETROIT (AP)—Consumers looking for a used vehicle aren’t shying away from GM models—even though more than 20 million GM cars and trucks have been recalled this year.

General Motors cars such as the Chevrolet Malibu have retained or increased in value, sometimes more than rival vehicles. And sales of new cars aren’t slowing either, up 13 percent in May.

GM has issued 44 recalls in North America this year for parts ranging from ignition switches to air bags. The most serious is for ignition switches in 2.6 million small cars linked to more than 50 crashes and at

least 13 deaths. Investigations into that recall have exposed GM as a company that was too slow to react to serious safety issues.

In the past, consumers punished automakers for big recalls. Those companies lost market share—Toyota’s dropped 2 percentage points over 12 months when it recalled 14 million cars for unintended acceleration. Yet GM’s has held fairly steady so far, around 18 percent.

GM has cautioned that an ongoing companywide safety review could produce even more recalls—just Monday it recalled another 3.4 million cars for a separate ignition

Nation

US seizes Benghazi suspect in deadly Libya attack

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. special forces seized a “key leader” of the deadly Benghazi, Libya, attack and he is on his way to face trial in the U.S. for the fiery assault that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans, the Obama administration announced Tuesday. It was the first breakthrough in the sudden overseas violence in 2012 that has become a festering political sore at home.

President Barack Obama said the capture on Sunday of Ahmed Abu Khattala sends a clear message to the world that “when Americans are attacked, no matter how long it takes, we will find those responsible and we will bring them to justice.”

“We will find you,” Obama declared.

As recently as last August, though, Abu Khattala told The Associated Press that he was not in hiding nor had he been questioned by Libyan authorities about the attack

at the diplomatic compound. He denied involvement and said that he had abandoned the militia. Administration officials said Tuesday that despite his media interviews, he “evaded capture” until the weekend when military special forces, including members of the Army’s elite Delta Force, nabbed him.

Whatever the path to his capture, he was headed for the United States to face what Obama called “the full weight of the American justice system.” Obama called the Libyan an “alleged key leader” of the attack.

U.S. officials said Abu Khattala was being held on the Navy amphibious transport dock ship USS New York, which was in the Mediterranean Sea. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to discuss Abu Khattala’s whereabouts.

The Libyan was the com-

mander of a militant group called the Abu Obaida bin Jarrah Brigade and is accused of being a senior leader of the Benghazi branch of Ansar al-Shariah in Libya, which the U.S. has designated a terror group.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans urged the administration to get as much intelligence out of Abu Khattala as possible before anyone reads him his rights to remain silent, supplies him with a lawyer and prepares him for trial in a U.S. courtroom. In fact, Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, top Republican on the Intelligence Committee, said interrogation of the Libyan already was underway and “we hope to find out some positive things.”

Abu Khattala is charged with terror-related crimes in U.S. District Court in Washington and will be tried like a civilian, the administration said.

Tornadoes flatten tiny rural Nebraska town; 2 dead

PILGER, Neb. (AP)—As two giant tornadoes bore down on this tiny farming town in northeast Nebraska, Trey Wisniewski heard the storm sirens, glanced out at the blackening sky and rushed with his wife into their basement.

“My wife was holding our animals, and I was holding on to my wife. We could feel the suction try to pull us out of there,” he said Tuesday.

Suddenly, their house was gone, leaving them to dodge debris that rained down upon them. And then, the storm that hit so suddenly Monday after-

noon was gone, allowing them to emerge and see what was left of the 350-person farming town of Pilger.

Much of the community was gone and two people had died. The disaster, delivered by twin twisters rare in how forcefully they traveled side by side for an extended period, left some residents doubting whether the town could rebuild, even as they marveled that the death toll hadn’t been worse.

“This is by far the worst thing I’ve ever seen as governor,” said Gov. Dave Heineman, who flew over Pilger in

a helicopter Tuesday morning and then walked through the town, trailed by reporters.

One of those killed was a 5-year-old girl, Calista Dixon, said Stanton County Sheriff Mike Unger. Cody Murphree, the girl’s brother, said in a statement that his mother, 42-year-old Kandi Murphree, was in a medically induced coma in Omaha after the tornado destroyed their home.

The other fatality was a motorist, David A. Herout, 74, of Clarkson, Nebraska. He died in Cuming County, a few miles east of Pilger.



ACROSS THE NATION

California lawmakers reject sugary drink warnings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—A bill that would have made California the first state in the nation to require warning labels on sodas and other sugary drinks was effectively killed Tuesday. Sen. Bill Monning’s SB1000 failed on a 7-8 vote as his fellow Democratic lawmakers doubted whether a label would change consumer behavior. It needed 10 votes to pass. Certain sodas, energy drinks and fruit drinks would have included a label reading, “STATE OF CALIFORNIA SAFETY WARNING: Drinking beverages with added sugar(s) contributes to obesity, diabetes, and tooth decay.” It was developed by public health advocates using cigarette and alcohol warnings as a model. Representatives of the beverage industry argued that the bill was unfair by not applying to other foods and drinks, including lattes and chocolate milk. Monning, of Carmel, says warning labels would be the most efficacious tool for educating people about the dangers of sugary drinks.

Hoarder crushed by debris as floor collapsed

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—A Connecticut woman described by police as an apparent

hoarder was crushed to death when a floor piled with clutter collapsed into her basement, state medical officials said Tuesday. The state chief medical examiner’s office said 66-year-old Beverly Mitchell died of accidental and traumatic asphyxia. Mitchell’s body was found Saturday as crews used a backhoe to remove debris from her home in Cheshire. She may have been dead for more than a week, police said. Town officials, meanwhile, are determining whether the home is still structurally sound.

Navajo Nation wildfire threatens homes, livestock

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—A fast-moving wildfire near the Arizona-New Mexico border grew Tuesday as it approached two communities and threatened traditional grazing lands on the Navajo Nation, where sheep are a staple of life, their wool is prized for its use in rugs, and mutton is on the menu of restaurants throughout the region. The Assayii Lake Fire ballooned to more than 19 square miles in less than two days while making its way across winter and summer grazing lands in the Chuska Mountains. The flames destroyed at least four structures and threatened about 50 homes near the rural communities of Naschitti and Sheep Springs, fire officials said.

Asia

China, Vietnam affirm desire to resolve problems

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—China and Vietnam, caught up in an increasingly bitter confrontation over disputed waters, have a common desire to solve their tensions, a top Chinese diplomat said Wednesday.

State Councilor Yang Jiechi is the most senior Chinese diplomat to visit Vietnam since China's deployment of a giant oil rig off the Vietnamese coast last month increased tensions between the neighbors.

■■■
MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines says it wants an international tribunal to issue a decision as quickly as it can on a Manila complaint that questions the legality of China's massive territorial claims in the South China Sea because of escalating tension in the dispute.

Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said late Tuesday that the Philippines would ask its lawyers to petition the Arbitral Tribunal in the Hague, the Netherlands, to issue an earlier ruling after China declared it would not get involved in the case, which should shorten the arbitration proceedings.

Del Rosario said he hopes for a decision as early as next year because "the situation is getting worse every day in the

South China Sea." The Philippines has recently protested against Chinese land reclamations in at least two disputed reefs.

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Yang Jiechi told Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Pham Binh Minh, who is also foreign minister, that the countries are experiencing a "difficult" relationship and that promoting bilateral relations is a goal of the Communist neighbors.

"It can be said that developing China-Vietnam relations is the common desire of the two parties, two governments, two states and two peoples of China and Vietnam," Yang told Minh through a translator.

"Currently, the China-Vietnam relationship is experiencing difficulties and I came to Vietnam this time at the order of our (Communist Party) Central Committee to have frank, broad and deep discussions with Comrade Pham Binh Minh."

Minh told Yang that the meeting, the highest direct contact since the May stand-off, shows a commitment to resolving the dispute in the South China Sea.

"Our meeting ... demonstrates that the two parties and states of Vietnam and China have the desire for dialogue to settle the current complicated situation in the East Sea," Minh said, refer-

ring to the South China Sea.

China and Vietnam accuse each other of ramming ships near the oil installation.

Vietnam said the use of the oil rig violates its sovereignty and has demanded that China withdraw it, while China says Vietnam should stop harassing with its normal oil drilling activity.

China's placement of the oil rig in early May triggered anti-China demonstrations in many parts of Vietnam and some turned to riots which resulted in the deaths of five Chinese nationals and injures to hundreds more. Rioters targeted factories believed to be Chinese owned. Hundreds of factories were damaged and dozens were burnt. Many of them were built with Taiwanese investment.

Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said last month that Vietnam was considering legal action against the Chinese move.

The two ideological allies fought a brief but bloody border war in 1979, and skirmishes also occurred in 1988 when China used force to occupy the Johnson South reef in the Spratlys. Relations were normalized in 1991.

China claims most of the South China Sea, rich in natural resources and one of the world's busiest sea lanes, bringing it into disputes with Vietnam, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Taiwan.

ing Malaysia's west coast, and rescuers scrambled to save 66 people still missing, Malaysia's maritime agency said Wednesday. The boat sank shortly after midnight about 2 nautical miles (3.7 kilometers) from shore on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur while trying to leave Malaysia illegally, said the agency's official, who declined to be named because he was not authorized to speak to the media. He said that the Indonesians, including women and children, were believed to be heading home ahead of the start of the holy Muslim month of Ramadan.

2 buses fall into Indian mountain gorges; 21 dead

NEW DELHI (AP)—Two crowded buses went out of control and fell off roads in separate accidents in the Himalayan foothills in northern India, killing a total of 21 people, police said Tuesday. Both accidents happened Monday as the buses were negotiating winding mountainous roads. India has the world's deadliest roads, with more than 110,000 people killed annually and most accidents blamed on reckless driving, poor road maintenance or aging vehicles. One bus carrying

61 people veered off a road at a turn and plunged into a deep gorge in Himachal Pradesh state, killing 13 tourists and injuring 43 others, some critically, Nahan town police officer Sandeep Negi said. The bus had visited the lake resort town of Renuka Ji.

8 killed as police, protesters clash in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—Police clashed Tuesday with followers of an anti-Taliban cleric critical of Pakistan's government in the eastern city of Lahore, violence that killed eight people, officials said. The cleric, Tahir-ul-Qadri, is based in Canada but has a network of mosques and religious centers across Pakistan. Qadri led a rally of tens of thousands of his supporters that shut down the capital last year, calling for a delay in elections to prevent electoral fraud. His plan to return to Pakistan on June 23 and rally against the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has once again put him in the limelight. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said the clashes killed eight people. The head of Jinnah Hospital, Dr. Abdur Raof, said the hospital received 80 wounded.

World

Signs of reprisal killings emerge in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—Nearly four dozen Sunni detainees were gunned down at a jail north of Baghdad, a car bomb struck a Shiite neighborhood of the capital and four young Sunnis were found slain, as ominous signs emerged Tuesday that open warfare between the two main Muslim sects has returned to Iraq.

The killings, following the capture by Sunni insurgents of a large swath of the country stretching to Syria, were the first hints of the beginnings of a return to sectarian bloodletting that nearly tore the country apart in 2006 and 2007.

During the United States' eight-year presence in Iraq, American forces acted as a buffer between the two Islamic sects, albeit with limited success. The U.S. military is now being pulled back in—with a far more limited mission and far fewer troops, as President Barack Obama nears a decision on an array of options for combating the Islamic militants.

In the latest sect-on-sect violence, at least 44 Sunni detainees were slaughtered by gun shots to the head and chest by pro-government Shiite mi-



Iraqi men flash victory signs as they leave the main recruiting center to join the Iraqi army in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, after authorities urged Iraqis to help battle insurgents.

litiemen after Sunni insurgents tried to storm the jail near Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad, police said.

The Iraqi military gave a different account and put the death toll at 52, insisting the Sunni inmates were killed by mortar shells in the attack late Monday on the facility.

In Baghdad, the bullet-riddled bodies of four men in their late 20s or early 30s, presumably Sunnis, were found Tuesday at different locations in the Shiite neighborhood of Benouk, according to police and morgue officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized

to talk with the media.

Also Tuesday, a car bomb in Baghdad's Shiite Sadr City district killed 12 people and wounded 30 in a crowded outdoor market, police and hospital officials said. No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, but attacks targeting Shiite districts are routinely the work of Sunni militants.

The sectarian violence was a grim reminder of a dark chapter in Iraq's history when nearly a decade ago the city woke up virtually every morning to find dozens of bodies dumped in the streets, trash heaps or in the Tigris river, bullet-riddled or with torture marks.

Israel leader seeks world pressure on Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's prime minister on Tuesday urged the international community to demand the Western-backed Palestinian president break off ties with the militant Hamas group over the abduction of three Israeli teens, the latest sign that Israel's massive five-day-old search in the West Bank has broader objectives than finding the missing.

Israel said it also wants to destroy the Hamas infrastructure in the West Bank and apparently hopes to reclaim international support after the latest failure of U.S.-led peace efforts.

Israel has launched its most significant military ground operation in more than five years since the three Jewish seminary students went missing last Thursday at a West Bank

hitchhiking junction.

Troops have arrested more than 200 Palestinians, most of them Hamas activists, blocked roads and searched homes.

There has been no sign of life from the missing or demands issued by purported kidnappers. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has alleged that Hamas was behind the abductions, but has offered no proof, while the Islamic militant group has praised the deed, but not claimed responsibility.

The abductions, accompanied by wall-to-wall Israeli media coverage and prayer vigils, have created unexpected diplomatic openings for Netanyahu, who only last week had found himself increasingly isolated in the international arena.

At the time, the United States and Europe were ignoring Netanyahu's appeals to shun the Palestinian unity government, a 17-member Cabinet of technocrats largely loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas, but backed by Hamas.

The Israeli leader had also lost international goodwill after the latest failure of talks on Palestinian statehood, with Israel held partially responsible because of its ongoing settlement expansion on occupied lands.

Since the kidnappings, Israel has been able to crack down on Hamas in the West Bank—in the context of the search for the missing teens—without an international outcry or drawing allegations that it is provoking unnecessary confrontations with the Palestinians.

Explosion rocks World Cup viewing venue in Nigeria

DAMATURU, Nigeria (AP)—A suicide bomber detonated a tricycle taxi packed with explosives at an outdoor World Cup viewing center in a northeast Nigerian city Tuesday night, and witnesses said several people were killed.

Hospital workers said the death likely will rise with 15 people critically wounded and casualties still coming in to the main hospital at Damaturu, capital of Yobe state.

Police Assistant Superintendent Nathan Cheghan con-

firmed the explosion but said rescue workers were being careful for fear of secondary explosions. Islamic extremists of the Boko Haram group frequently time secondary explosions to kill people who rush to the scene of a bomb blast.

Cheghan said he had no casualty figures.

There was no immediate claim for the blast witnesses were blaming on Boko Haram fighters who have targeted football viewing centers and sports bars in the past. Two explosions

in recent weeks killed at least 40 people in two northern cities.

Witnesses said the tricycle taxi was driven into the outdoor area soon after the Brazil-Mexico match started Tuesday night. All spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

One hospital worker said he saw at least seven bodies. Another said 15 casualties were in intensive care. Both asked that their names not be published because they are not authorized to speak to reporters.

ASIAN BRIEFS

2,558 complaints over Afghan presidential runoff

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan voters filed more than 2,500 complaints of ballot box stuffing and other election irregularities, an official said Tuesday, as fraud allegations by the two candidates and their supporters threaten to provoke a new political crisis. The campaign tone has been sharply more accusatory than that of the first round of voting on April 5, when Afghans had eight candidates to choose from and all promised to adhere to the results released by the Independent Electoral Commission. The stakes are higher now that the field is narrowed to two men who are vying to replace Hamid Karzai and lead the country as most U.S. and allied forces withdraw by the end of 2014 and international aid diminishes. The prospect of a nasty fight over the results also could dampen hopes that the country will be able to hold its first-ever peaceful transfer of authority.

66 missing as migrants' boat sinks in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—A wooden boat carrying 97 Indonesian migrants capsized and sank after leav-

Environment

Obama orders major expansion of ocean sanctuary in Pacific

By NEELA BANERJEE
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WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama announced a series of measures Tuesday to protect parts of the world's oceans, including the creation of a marine sanctuary that would close a large swath of the central Pacific to fishing and energy development.

The plan would require federal agencies to take multiple initiatives to address pollution, overfishing and acidification of ocean water, which is driven by climate change.

"Rising levels of carbon dioxide are causing our oceans to acidify. Pollution endangers marine life. Overfishing threatens whole species," Obama said in televised statement to an international conference on ocean policy hosted by the State Department in Washington.

"If we ignore these problems, if we drain our oceans of their resources, we won't just be squandering one of humanity's greatest treasures. We'll be cutting off one of the world's major sources of food and economic growth, including for the United States."

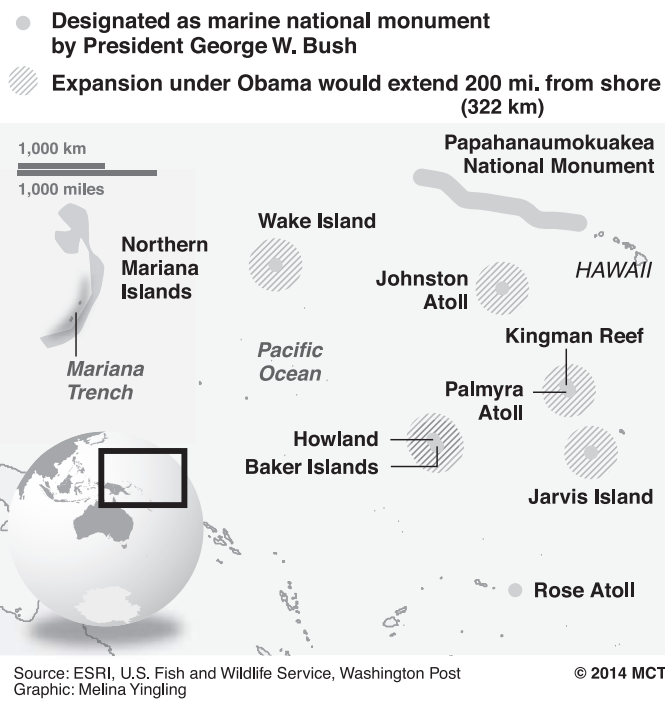
The announcement provides further evidence of Obama's willingness to use his executive authority to advance priorities in the face of congressional stalemate, and it quickly drew criticism from congressional Republicans, who contend the administration over-regulates natural resources industries and that the president has over-reached his constitutional powers.

"This is yet another example of how an imperial president is intent on taking unilateral action, behind closed doors, to impose new regulations and layers of restrictive red-tape," said House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings, R-Wash. "Oceans, like our federal lands, are intended to be multiple-use and open for a wide range of economic activities that includes fishing, recreation, conservation, and energy production."

Among the ocean plan's most ambitious and controversial steps would be expansion of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument southwest of Hawaii. In January 2009, President George W. Bush gave monument status to nearly 87,000 square miles

Monuments in the ocean

President Barack Obama has announced plans to create what would be the largest marine preserve in the world.



around Howland, Baker, and Jarvis Islands; Johnston, Wake, and Palmyra Atolls; and Kingman Reef. The islands are uninhabited, and the area is one of the few pristine stretches of marine environment in the world and home to thousands of migratory

birds, fish and mammals.

The Obama plan envisions extending monument protection from the current limit of 50 nautical miles around the islands to 200 miles, thereby limiting fishing and energy development over a far larger expanse of

ocean. The proposal could more than double the area of ocean protected by the United States, environmental groups said.

The expanded protections, which under federal law the president can order without congressional approval, could go into effect this year after a public comment period.

Joshua S. Reichert, executive vice president of the Pew Charitable Trusts, said he expected considerable resistance to the expansion plan from the domestic tuna industry. But he said Pew estimates that about 1 percent to 3 percent of the U.S. annual tuna catch would be affected by the plan if it went forward.

"The importance of these uninhabited islands is far greater than the value of the fish there," Reichert said. The proposed protection zone holds some of the world's "richest marine life and least disturbed areas. It's immensely valuable to science and home to vast numbers of ocean species, he added, "the importance of keeping these places intact far transcends the short-term value of what can be extracted for commercial gain."

The president also established a task force of at least a dozen

federal agencies, including the Pentagon and Justice Department, that must develop recommendations to better combat seafood fraud and illegal fishing within the next six months.

Illegal seafood accounts for one-fifth to one-third of wild-caught seafood imported to the U.S. in 2011, according to a recent study in the journal, Marine Policy. Further, about one-third of seafood is mislabeled, according to a study last year by the environmental group Oceana, which analyzed more than 1,200 seafood samples bought in 21 states. The study found that fish sold as snapper was misidentified 87 percent of the time and tuna, mislabeled 59 percent of time.

"Because our seafood travels through an increasingly long, complex and non-transparent supply chain, there are numerous opportunities for seafood fraud to occur and illegally caught fish to enter the U.S. market," said Beth Lowell, director of Oceana's Stop Seafood Fraud campaign. "By tracing our seafood from boat to plate, consumers will have more information about the fish they purchase."

SPC aims to increase energy access in rural Melanesia



Port Resolution women completing survey forms for M3P baseline data.

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SUVA, Fiji—About seven million of the Pacific region's 10 million people still do not have access to electricity. Rural Melanesia in particular faces the exceptional challenge of achieving universal electricity access in an area where the cost of electricity and petroleum are among the highest in the world, averaging around 20 percent of total household income.

This year is the beginning of the United Nation's Decade of Sustainable Energy for All. Acknowledging that access to clean and affordable energy is crucial

to economic development in the post-2015 agenda, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's Energy Program is working on a project titled Melanesia's Million Miracle Program, or M3P.

M3P is aimed at bringing the miracle of electricity to one million people in the Melanesian countries of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu by 2020.

For Vanuatu, M3P aims to provide electricity to 26,625 households or 159,790 people by 2020. To start with, based on current funding, the project

will bring electricity to 200 households (1,200 people) in two rural communities, thereby helping to bridge the gap between the urban and rural areas in terms of access to modern energy services.

A team from SPC's Energy Program was in Vanuatu last week to consult and collect baseline data from local communities. The team, in partnership with Vanuatu Department of Energy and the NGO Alternative Communities Trade in Vanuatu, identified the two communities that would be

beneficiaries of the project: Port Resolution and White Sands.

The SPC team was able to gather and collate data on access to basic lighting, type of cooking fuel used, and household income and expenditure. Results indicate that the majority of the households in the two communities still rely on traditional fuel such as biomass, candles and kerosene for lighting.

To counter this, the project proposes the use of solar energy, which will reduce the carbon intensity, as well as the reliance and spending on kerosene.

Breaking traditional barriers, the project also sees women playing a key role as agents of change. It proposes the creation of markets and a business environment. Women's groups have been identified and will be trained to manage their own micro businesses, injecting thousands into the economy while improving the quality of life of their families.

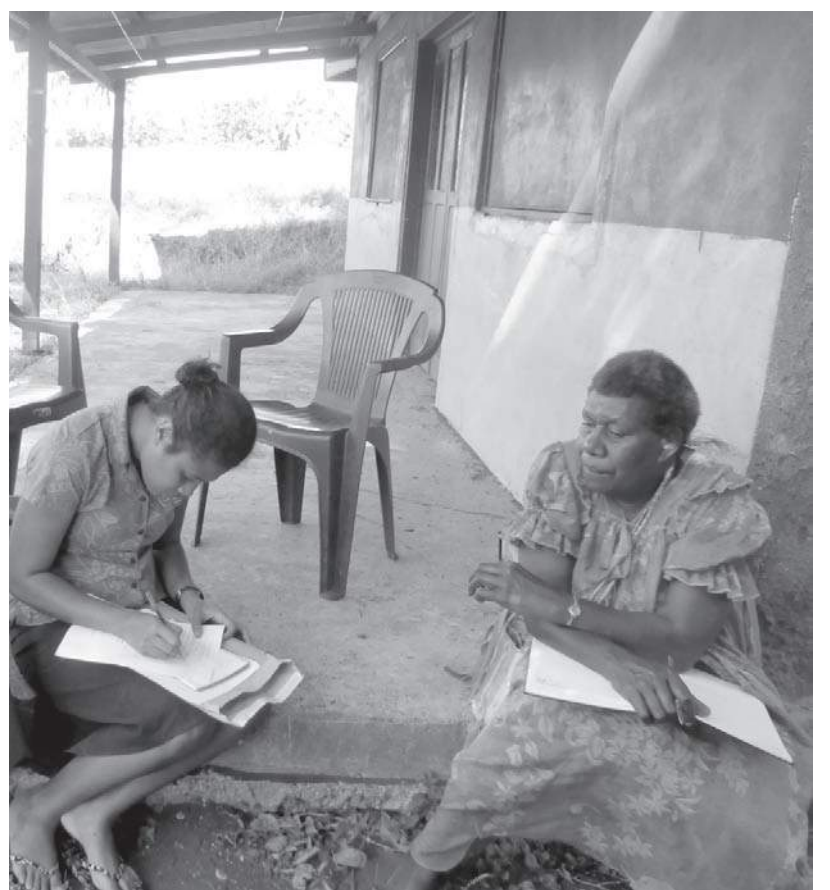
"The SPC team met with women's

groups in the two communities. This project will empower them to effectively manage community-based micro businesses. They will run solar shops that serve as charging stations for solar lights. The solar shops will be coordinated by the women's council in the two communities," said Kuini Rabo from SPC's Energy Program.

In Vanuatu, only 28 percent

of the population has access to electricity. The government estimates that around 26,219 households—55 percent of the rural population—use kerosene for lighting.

BizClim, a program of the African Caribbean Pacific Secretariat funded by the European Union, will provide approximately EUR 200,000 in the form of technical assistance via a consultancy to the Melanesia's Million Miracle Programme (M3P). (SPC)



Kuini Rabo with Tafea Women's Council president, Dorothy Pel, collating baseline data for White Sands.

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Life & Style

Smithsonian honors Ralph Lauren for fashion, flag



Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton applauds Designer Ralph Lauren as he receives the James Smithsonian Bicentennial Medal "for his embodiment of the American experience through the medium of fashion, design and philanthropy" Tuesday, June 17, 2014, during a ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ralph Lauren's love for the American flag and American style earned him high honors Tuesday from the Smithsonian Institution, celebrating his five decades in fashion.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton helped present the James Smithsonian Bicentennial Medal to the designer at the National Museum of American History following a naturalization ceremony for 15 new U.S. citizens. The award also marks the 200th anniversary of the actual flag that inspired the national anthem.

Clinton noted that Lauren, 74, is the son of immigrants from Belarus who grew up in the Bronx, New York.

"Now surely Ralph and his family ... could not have imagined, or maybe they could have when they landed in the Bronx, that their lives would be the embodiment of the American dream," Clinton said. "In particular, Ralph, the youngest, would become synonymous with American aspiration and style."

Clinton wore a pantsuit to Tuesday's event that was Lauren's first-ever custom-designed

outfit for her, including a cobalt-blue structured silk jacket.

Clinton and Lauren first joined forces in 1998, when she was first lady, to raise money for the Smithsonian to preserve the original "Star-Spangled Banner" flag that inspired the national anthem, along with other historic artifacts, through Clinton's Save America's Treasures program. Lauren donated \$10 million to help restore the flag and another \$3 million to support the historic preservation program.

"Ralph responded to the call. He didn't have to," Clinton said.

"But he understood because it was deep within him that part of being an American is giving back."

Lauren is known for designs that have defined American fashion and for his patriotic uniforms for U.S. Olympic athletes. He got his start selling ties from a drawer at the Empire State Building. Now Ralph Lauren Corp. has 25,000 employees worldwide.

The Smithsonian award citation honored Lauren "for his embodiment of the American experience through fashion, design and philanthropy."

Ralph Lauren reflects on 5 decades in fashion

WASHINGTON (AP)—For Ralph Lauren, the American flag is not just a motif. When he uses the flag as inspiration for his designs—including his U.S. Olympic uniforms—he believes in what that represents.

The 74-year-old fashion designer was honored Tuesday by the Smithsonian Institution for his career and to mark the 200th anniversary of the original flag that inspired the writing of the national anthem. Lauren helped fund a major effort to preserve that flag.

Lauren was awarded the James Smithsonian Bicentennial Medal "for his embodiment of the American experience" and for "supporting artistry, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship for more than five decades."

Lauren, the son of immigrants, was born Ralph Lifshitz and grew up in the Bronx, New York. He's gone from selling ties from a drawer at the Empire State Building in 1967 to running a corporation with 25,000 employees.

Lauren sat down with The Associated Press to discuss his five decades in fashion.

AP: What drew you into the world of fashion originally?

Lauren: Luck. No, you know, I never went to fashion school. I somehow was a young guy, grew up in the Bronx and ... I don't know how I can put it together, whether it's movies or it's being in a world where you can read books and go to movies and dream.

Also being the youngest child in the family and getting all hand-me-downs and sort of saying, "Wait a minute, I want my own clothes." So when your parents are not able to afford the kind of clothes as a kid growing up, I had to work my-

self and earn my way and buy my own things. I just wanted to look like one of the guys and have the girls look at me.

AP: What does this award from the Smithsonian mean to you?

Lauren: It's probably the greatest honor one could have. The honor is mine to give to them because I'm part of this country.

AP: What makes you passionate about the flag and the conservation of the actual flag that inspired the writing of the national anthem?

Lauren: I grew up inspired by America, inspired by the West, inspired by the Adirondacks, inspired by African-Americans, soldiers—life that I saw—the native Americans. I saw a world that was different, and I was inspired.

AP: What do you consider your career highlights?

Lauren: I started with neckties, which are a very small thing and people aren't even wearing them today. Neckties helped start my career. When a man wore a tie, it had to make a statement.

I think every time I created a new brand, from men's to women's to children to home, they were interesting elements. My clothes are not about fashion. They're about living. They're about how you live and how you want to live. And they're not about in and out fashion that's trendy or the hot news of the day.

I think most people want stability. They want to feel that if they go out and buy something, they want good quality, good value for their money. They don't want to spend it frivolously and find that it's out of style.

YouTube to launch music service amid indie dispute

LOS ANGELES (AP)—YouTube will launch a new subscription music service, the company acknowledged Tuesday after being dragged into a public dispute over royalties that will result in the blockade of some independent artists' music videos.

The Google Inc.-owned video site said in a statement that it is "adding subscription-based features for music on YouTube" and that "hundreds of major label and independent artists" have signed on.

The paid service—to be launched within a few months—will likely allow playback of videos without ads and allow for offline playback on mobile devices. That's according to two people familiar with the matter.

The people weren't authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The people also confirmed that a small number of independent artists who had not agreed to new deal terms will have their videos blocked in some countries starting in a few days, even on the free version of YouTube.

YouTube will block the music videos so users of the test version won't be confused about which content they can access for free and which features require payment, the people said. Allowing free streams of music by certain artists while not offering them on the paid service would erode the value of the paid plan, one person said.

The move also adds pres-

sure on those labels to sign, because not being on YouTube altogether will result in less advertising revenue and exposure.

YouTube has reached deals with all three major music labels—Universal Music Group, Sony Music Entertainment, and Warner Music Group—and many independent labels as a whole representing about 95 percent of all labels, the people said.

Determining which artists are blocked—and where—could be confusing because some indie artists have their music distributed in certain countries by the major labels. Singer Adele, for instance, is signed with Beggars Group's XL Recordings in the U.K., but Sony Music's Columbia label distributes her music in the U.S.

Zendaya says she's the right fit for Aaliyah role

NEW YORK (AP)—For anyone concerned about who would play Aaliyah in a film about her life, the girl who earned the role—17-year-old Zendaya—says it mattered to her, too.

"I really want it to be perfect for her and show young people what she was able to do and what she accomplished," the Disney Channel star said in an interview Tuesday, a day after Lifetime announced she would play the role of the R&B singer.

Zendaya says she's the right choice for the part because "if you want something done right, you've got to do it yourself."

Aaliyah was killed in 2001 at age 22 when her plane crashed

after takeoff from a Bahamian runway. She dominated on the R&B and pop charts, earning platinum-plus albums and racking hits with songs like "Try Again," "Back & Forth" and "Are You That Somebody?"

Zendaya, who was the runner-up on "Dancing With the Stars" last year, says she's aware the role comes with a lot of scrutiny.

"I can't please everybody ... what I can do is work really hard and you know, just continue to show her legacy," she said.

Zendaya was almost five at the time Aaliyah died. She says she remembers watch-

ing the singer's music videos when her older sister would babysit her.

Zendaya is recording some of Aaliyah's songs for the film. Zendaya, who made her debut on the Disney Channel series "Shake It Up" in 2010, released her first album last year, which featured the platinum hit "Replay." She says her success as a young star helps her relate to Aaliyah, who released her debut album at age 15.

"I feel like she grew up so young and she grew up in the industry ... and she just had to deal with so much," she said. "I connect with that."

Picasso painting reveals hidden man

WASHINGTON (AP)—For artist Pablo Picasso, 1901 was a pivotal time to experiment and find his own unique style. At just 19 years old, he was living in Paris, painting furiously and dirt poor, so it wasn't unusual for him to take one canvas and reuse it to paint a fresh idea.

Now scientists and art experts are revealing they've found a hidden painting beneath the surface of one of Picasso's first masterpieces, "The Blue Room." Using advances in infrared imagery, they have uncovered a hidden portrait of a bow-tied man with his face resting on his hand.

Now the question that conser-

vators at The Phillips Collection in Washington hope to answer is simply: Who is he?

It's a mystery that's fueling new research about the painting created early in Picasso's career while he was working in Paris at the start of his distinctive blue period of melancholy subjects.

Curators and conservators revealed the discovery of the portrait for the first time to The Associated Press last week.

Experts long suspected there might be something under the surface of "The Blue Room," which has been part of The Phillips Collection since 1927. Brushstrokes on the piece clearly don't match the composition

that depicts a woman bathing in Picasso's studio.

A conservator noted the odd brushstrokes in a 1954 letter, but it wasn't until the 1990s that an X-ray of the painting first revealed a fuzzy image of something under the picture. It wasn't clear, though, that it was a portrait.

In 2008, improved infrared imagery revealed for the first time a man's bearded face resting on his hand with three rings on his fingers. He's dressed in a jacket and bow tie, painted in a vertical composition.

"It's really one of those moments that really makes what you do special," said Patricia

Favero, the conservator at The Phillips Collection who pieced together the best infrared image yet of the man's face.

"The second reaction was, 'Well, who is it?' We're still working on answering that question."

Scholars have ruled out the possibility that it was a self-portrait. One possible figure is the Paris art dealer Ambroise Vollard, who hosted Picasso's first show in 1901. But there's no documentation and no clues left on the canvas, so the research continues.

Over the past five years, experts from The Phillips Collection, National Gallery of Art, Cornell University and Delaware's Winterthur Museum have developed a clearer image of the mystery picture under the surface. A technical analysis confirmed the hidden portrait is a work the Spanish artist likely painted just before "The Blue Room," curators said.

Since the portrait was discovered, conservators have been using other technology to scan the painting for further insights. Favero has been collaborating with other experts to scan the painting with multi-spectral imaging technology and X-ray fluorescence intensity mapping to try to identify and map the colors of the hidden painting. They would like to recreate a digital image approximating the colors Picasso used.



This undated handout image provided by The Phillips Collection shows an infrared image of Pablo Picasso's "The Blue Room," painted in 1901.

The Situation charged in fight at tanning salon

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP)—It was gym, tan, jail for The Situation as he was arrested Tuesday after a fight at a tanning salon.

The former "Jersey Shore" cast member, whose real name is Mike Sorrentino, was charged with simple assault after the afternoon confrontation at the Boca salon in Middletown Township, which he and his family own and operate. He posted \$500 bail and was released; a court date hasn't been scheduled.

Officers went to the salon around 2 p.m. on a report of a fight in progress, said police

Detective Lt. Stephen Dollinger. He didn't have details on what sparked the fight or who else was involved.

Interesting timing, with Sorrentino due to return to reality television this summer in the TV Guide Network's "The Sorrentinos," which will follow his family as they try to open their own tanning salon.

Messages left for Sorrentino's publicist and for a California attorney who has previously represented him weren't returned.

The cast members of the

MTV reality show "Jersey Shore," filmed in Seaside Heights, were known for their love of tanning and the motto GTL—or gym, tan, laundry. They also were known for a rowdy, partying lifestyle that resulted in some cast members getting in fights and others facing legal troubles for alcohol-related incidents.

In an interview last September, Sorrentino told The Associated Press that he had gone through rehab for an addiction to painkillers.



Sorrentino

Katy Perry launches record label through Capitol

NEW YORK (AP)—Katy Perry could help make your "Teenage Dream" of becoming a singer a reality: The pop star is starting her own record label.

Perry announced the launch of Metamorphosis Music on Tuesday. It's a joint venture with her current label, Capitol Records.



Perry

The first to sign with Perry's label is pop singer Ferras, who released his Perry executive-produced EP on Tuesday. The five-song self-titled effort includes the track "Legends Never Die," which features Perry.

Ferras will join Perry for the North

American leg of her Prismatic World Tour, which kicks off June 22 in Raleigh, North Carolina. It wraps Oct. 11 in Houston.

Perry and Ferras met in 2007 when they were both signed to Capitol.

Capitol is one of many labels under Universal Music Group, home to Def Jam and Republic Records.

Early cancer detection could have saved childhood friend

DEAR ABBY: A childhood friend of mine died from cervical cancer. "Katy" died because she didn't go to her OB/GYN for annual Pap smears.

She was a beautiful, intelligent, talented wife and mother who was responsible in every other way. Katy simply couldn't face a pelvic exam because throughout her childhood she had been molested by her father. I know it's true, because her father molested me, too.

Katy's doctor told her that had it been caught in the early stages, her cancer would have been curable. She hadn't been to see her OB/GYN since her last child was born nine years before. Because of what her father did to her, she was unable to allow anyone other than her husband to touch her.

Abby, my friend suffered during the time between her diagnosis and her death. She fought to stay alive for her husband and children, whom she loved with all her heart. But in the end, cancer took her, and her family will suffer for years to come.

PLEASE remind every woman and sexually active teenage girl about the importance of a yearly exam. Those who feel they can't deal with the exams should force themselves to talk to their OB/GYN and explain their fear. Otherwise, the sexual predators win again. I think they should be held accountable for the deaths for which they are ultimately responsible.

SICK OF MOLESTERS

DEAR SICK OF MOLESTERS: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your friend. She won't have died in vain if women of every age heed your message about the importance of regular pelvic examinations, which should start as soon as a girl becomes sexually active.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband, "Henry," for 25 years, and he refuses to call me by name. He doesn't call me anything—certainly no terms of endearment. He just calls out or starts talking. He addresses our daughter's relatives, our neighbors and even our dog by name—but refuses to say mine.

I have mentioned to Henry many times how deeply hurt and resentful it makes me feel. He admits it's a problem, but refuses to get help because "he doesn't believe in counseling."

I know things could be worse. I'm not abused physically, but I feel mentally abused. I find it hard living as a nobody. Can you give me an insight on how to cope with this?

NAMELESS IN SOUTH NEW JERSEY

DEAR NAMELESS: What Henry has been doing is called "passive aggression." It's a pattern of behavior that can occur in a variety of contexts. In your case, it's consistently failing to do something he knows would please you, the absence of which he is fully aware is hurt-

Actor charged with murder due in Los Angeles court

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Michael Jace is scheduled to appear in a Los Angeles courtroom on Wednesday for arraignment on a murder charge filed after his wife's shooting death last month.

The actor, who played a police officer on the television series "The Shield," did not enter a plea during his initial court appearance last month. Police say Jace shot his wife April multiple times in the family's Los Angeles home on May 19 while their young children were present. The boys were unharmed and are now living with relatives.

Police have not released a motive for the slaying but have said they are looking into whether financial or other domestic issues may have been involved. Jace's attorneys have said the case is still in its early stages and their investigation is ongoing.

April Jace's family has called her death a senseless act of domestic violence.

Police say Jace called 911 to report the killing. Their two children were at home at the time but were unharmed.

Audio of Jace's call has not been released, but fire officials released a 911 call from April Jace's father earlier this much in

which he says the actor told him he had shot his wife.

"My son-in-law called me, and (texted) me, and said come get the kids because he shot April, our daughter," the caller, whose name was redacted from the audio, told a fire department dispatcher.

April Jace, 40, a financial aid counselor at Biola University, had three sons, including two boys under the age of 10 with Jace.

Michael Jace also appeared on the show "Southland" and had small roles in the movies "Planet of the Apes," "Boogie Nights" and "Forrest Gump."

DEAR ABBY

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ful. He refuses counseling because he knows a counselor will call him on it.

This does not, however, mean that YOU shouldn't have some counseling. Once you have recognized Henry's behavior for exactly what it is, you must then ask yourself why you have tolerated it for a quarter of a century, whether there are other things wrong in your marriage and if this is the way you want to live the next 25 years of your life.

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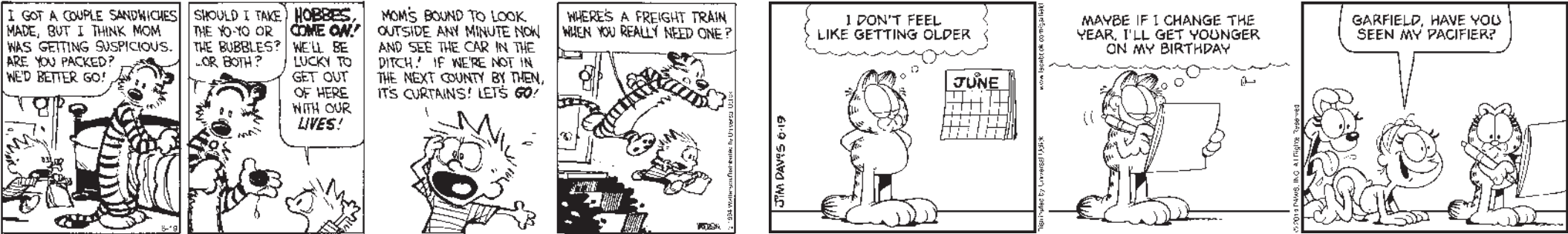
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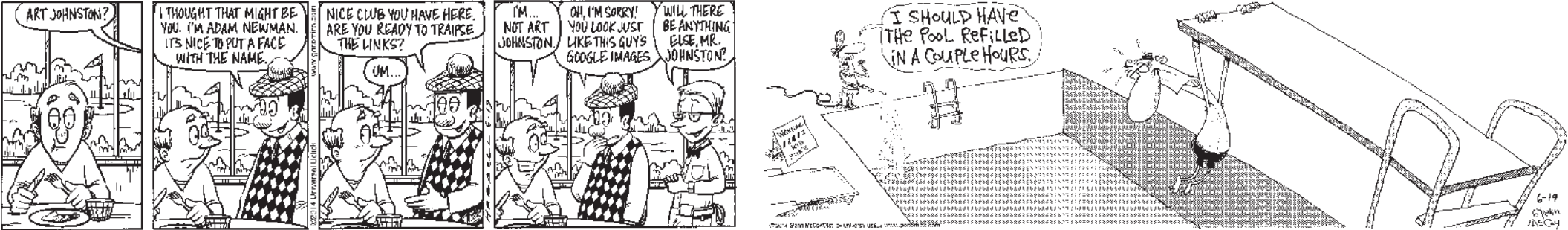
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Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterdays answer 6-19

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Macklemore, 31; Zoe Saldana, 36; Jean Dujardin, 42; Paula Abdul, 52.

Happy Birthday: Don't waste time on situations you cannot change. Let the past go and concentrate on the here and now and what you can do to be the best that you can be. Head into the future focused on new beginnings that allow you to use your creative skills to reach your destination. Engage in interest groups and build working relationships. Your numbers are 5, 14, 24, 28, 37, 41, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep things in perspective. You'll be tempted to overreact, causing a rift with someone important to your future. Think matters through carefully and use your wit, charm and diplomacy to endear others to your side instead of pushing them away. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make whatever you do count. Take part in a cause you believe in. Sign up for any event, activity or class that will help you further your ideas and plans for a better future. You will attract both personal and professional admirers. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stop being so trusting. Someone you work with is likely to make you look bad. Take care of your tasks personally. A sudden change regarding your position can be expected. The outcome will depend on how hands-on a job you present. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Share your feelings concerning a situation that needs to be improved. Lay out plans that are easy to incorporate and are within budget.

Discussing plans for the future will help ease your mind and give you something to look forward to. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change will lead to good fortune. Now is not the time to sit idle when you should be making crucial moves that will help you manage your investments better and improve your relationships with the people in your life that matter. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Remain calm. It's important not to let anyone think you are feeling uncertain. Sending a positive signal will buy you time to figure out how to proceed and handle the relationships with the people you deal with most personally or professionally. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Embrace change. Use your innovative ideas to outshine anyone who may be after your position. Although you may feel a little insecure, this is not the day to let it show. Speak up and display what you have to offer. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow your heart. Take any opportunity to flaunt your talents. Social events are a must and will lead to intriguing contacts. You will encounter someone who is a perfect fit for whatever type of partnership you are looking for. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make plans to do something exciting. Enjoy the company of those who share your interests. The changes you make at home or regarding work will help you to improve your lifestyle. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Step back and observe what's going on around you. Use whatever means you have to improve your relationship with colleagues or those you deal with daily. Take time to relax and rejuvenate as the day comes to a close. Romance is highlighted. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put greater emphasis on investments, long-term goals and how you can earn more money. Send out your resume or check in with people you have worked with in the past and you will get a lead on an interesting prospect. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional deception is apparent. Communicate with clarity and precision to avoid being misinterpreted. Do whatever is necessary to protect your investments and your reputation. Legal matters will turn out in your favor if you stick to the facts. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterdays SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIPS Solution: 8 letters

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Tanaka earns 11th win, Yankees beat Toronto, 3-1



NEW YORK
(AP)—Masahiro Tanaka gave up a home run to Jose

Reyes on the first pitch of the game, then earned his major league-high 11th victory as the New York Yankees beat Toronto 3-1 Tuesday night for their 14th straight home win over the Blue Jays.

Brett Gardner hit a two-run homer off the right-field foul pole and the Yankees sent the AL East leaders to their seventh loss in 10 games.

Tanaka (11-1) struck out 10 in six innings and left with an AL-best 1.99 ERA. The Japanese rookie has made 14 starts this season—he's gone at least six innings in every outing and never permitted more than three earned runs.

Dellin Betances worked two innings and David Robertson closed for his 17th save.

Pitching about 50 miles from his Long Island hometown, Blue Jays rookie Marcus Stroman (3-2) threw 98 pitches in 3 2-3 innings on a sticky night.

Red Sox 2, Twins 1

In Boston, Brock Holt scored both Boston runs, Jon Lester weathered a shaky start and pitched six-plus strong innings as the Red Sox held off Minnesota.

Lester (8-7) has a winning record for the first time this season. The Red Sox have won two straight and four of six.

After needing 33 pitches to get out of the first inning on a hot, muggy night at Fenway Park, Lester settled down and took a shutout into the sixth. He left with one out in the seventh after striking out six and holding the Twins to one run, four hits and a walk.

Edward Mujica pitched the ninth and earned his second save.

Phil Hughes (7-3) took the loss for the Twins, who have dropped four straight.

Phillies 5, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Ryan Howard homered and Kyle Kendrick won consecutive starts for the first time in 11 months for Philadelphia.

The Phillies, winners of two straight and six of eight, got a solid start from Kendrick (3-6), who had gone 2-11 in his previous 20 starts since last Aug. 11. Kendrick allowed six hits and two runs with one walk and six strikeouts in seven innings.

Atlanta has lost seven of 11 and 13 of 21.

Ervin Santana (5-4) continued to struggle, giving up eight hits and four runs with three walks in six innings. Santana, who struck out five, is 1-4 with a 6.17 ERA in his last seven starts.

Brewers 7, Diamondbacks 5

In Phoenix, Jonathan Lucroy homered twice, including a grand slam in an eventful seventh inning, to lead Milwaukee past Arizona.

Lucroy's slam to center came on Brad Ziegler's first delivery after Arizona reliever Evan Marshall was ejected for hitting Ryan Braun with a pitch.

Marshall (2-2) took the loss, facing three batters without getting an out after relieving starter Mike Bolsinger, who was called up from Triple-A Reno earlier in the day.

Lucroy had a solo homer in the sixth. Aramis Ramirez also hit a solo shot for the Brewers.

Kyle Lohse (8-2), who had hit three batters all season, plunked two in his six innings, apparently leading to retaliation by Marshall. Lohse allowed four runs, three earned, and six hits.



New York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka delivers in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

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Mariners 6, Padres 1

In Seattle, Robinson Cano hit a two-run homer and Jesus Montero got his first big league homer in more than a year to help Seattle sweep a two-game set with San Diego.

Roenis Elias (6-5) allowed three hits and struck out six without a walk in seven strong innings. Dominic Leone and Danny Farquhar each pitched an inning in relief.

Cano's fourth home run of the season gave the Mariners a 4-1 lead in the fifth and was enough to chase San Diego starter Eric Stults after the inning ended.

Stults (2-9) allowed four runs, six hits and a walk.

Royals 11, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Alex Gordon and Mike Moustakas homered as part of a seven-run second inning, and Kansas City took over first place in the AL Central with its ninth straight victory.

Gordon and Moustakas hit two-run shots off Max Scherzer, and Kansas City has won the first two games of this four-game series emphatically. The Royals, who trailed the Tigers by seven games after a May 20 loss, now lead Detroit by a half-game atop the division.

Scherzer (8-3) yielded a career high-tying 10 runs in four-plus innings.

Yordano Ventura (5-5) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Angels 9, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Mike Trout homered twice and drove in four runs, and rookie Matt Shoemaker remained unbeaten as a starter as Los Angeles beat Cleveland.

Trout's three-run homer in the fifth broke a 3-all tie and capped a four-run inning. He added a leadoff homer in the seventh. The two-time All-Star was 3 for 5, extending his hitting streak to 12 games, and has reached base safely in

35 of his last 36 contests.

Shoemaker (4-1) allowed two runs in a career-high eight innings. The right-hander is 4-0 in seven major-league starts, six this season. He also had a career-high 10 strikeouts.

Josh Tomlin (4-4) gave up six runs in 5 1-3 innings as Cleveland snapped a 10-game home winning streak.

Marlins 6, Cubs 5

In Miami, Garrett Jones hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning and Miami rallied to beat Chicago.

Adeiny Hechavarria started the Marlins' seventh with a bunt single for his fourth hit. Rafael Furcal had a two-out, two-run single in the fourth for his first RBIs since 2012.

Hard-luck Cubs starter Jeff Samardzija allowed three runs, two earned, in six innings but was again denied a victory. The Cubs are 4-11 when he starts even though his ERA is 2.78.

Luis Valbuena's RBI double in the seventh gave Chicago a 4-3 lead, but Miami rallied against Brian Schlitter (2-2).

Marlins rookie reliever Sam Dyson (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings for his first career win.

Orioles 7, Rays 5

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Chris Davis hit a replay-delayed grand slam to lead Baltimore past Tampa Bay.

Davis was awarded a slam off Erik Bedard (3-5) during a five-run third-inning after a video review showed his drive struck the foul pole. He reached second base on an opposite-field shot down the left-field line. The review that lasted 1 minute, 18 seconds revealed the ball hit the pole a few feet above the wall, and Davis was given a home run.

The Orioles also got a two-run homer from Steve Pearce.

Sean Rodriguez and Desmond Jennings homered for Tampa Bay, which is 5-16 in its last 21 games.

The Rays pulled within 5-2 in the bottom of the third when Rodriguez

and Jennings hit consecutive solo homers off Miguel Gonzalez (4-4).

Nationals 6 Astros 5

In Washington, Anthony Rendon doubled twice and drove in three runs, and Washington opened a six-game homestand with a win over Houston.

Ryan Zimmerman added two doubles and two RBIs as the Nationals snapped a four-game losing streak.

Tanner Roark (6-4) pitched five innings in winning his third straight start. Rafael Soriano worked the ninth for his 14th save.

Houston's Jose Altuve returned to the lineup, going 4 for 5 with two doubles and two RBIs. He was limited to one pinch-hitting appearance in the last three games after being hit on the right hand by a pitch.

Dallas Keuchel (8-4) came in 6-1 with a 1.33 ERA over his last seven starts, but struggled with his command.

Dodgers 4, Rockies 2

In Los Angeles, Hanley Ramirez homered before leaving with a hand injury, and Zack Greinke pitched Los Angeles to a win over Colorado.

Matt Kemp also went deep and Carlos Triunfel hit his first major league home run after replacing Ramirez.

Greinke (9-3) gave up a run and three hits with five strikeouts in six innings, and tied St. Louis' Adam Wainwright and Cincinnati's Alfredo Simon for the NL lead in wins.

Brian Wilson pitched a scoreless eighth and Kenley Jansen got three outs for his 20th save.

X-rays on Ramirez's right hand were negative.

Jhoulys Chacin (1-5) gave up three runs, seven hits and three walks in six innings for the Rockies.

Cardinals 5, Mets 2

In St. Louis, Michael Wacha escaped a pair of jams with strikeouts, Yadier Molina hit his first homer in nearly four weeks and St. Louis won for the eighth

time in nine games.

Wacha (5-5) gave up a run and five hits in six innings and Molina got his first homer since May 24.

David Wright hit his first homer since May 28, and Lucas Duda also connected for the Mets, who have lost 11 of 14.

Mets manager Terry Collins batted the pitcher eighth with Eric Young Jr. hitting ninth for the second straight game in an effort to stimulate the offense. During the 14-game slump, the Mets have scored two or fewer runs seven times.

Daisuke Matsuzaka worked a scoreless seventh inning in relief of Mets starter Jonathon Niese (3-4).

White Sox 8, Giants 2

In Chicago, Gordon Beckham and Dayan Viciedo hit two-run home runs, John Danks pitched effectively into the seventh inning and the White Sox snapped a four-game losing streak.

The slumping White Sox had managed a total of six runs during their skid.

Viciedo, who was just 2 for 23 on the homestand coming in, went 2 for 4. His fifth-inning blast ended a stretch of 51 at-bats without an RBI.

Danks (6-5) settled down after a somewhat slow start and gave up two runs—one earned—and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. In his last five starts, the left-hander is 3-1 with a 1.51 ERA.

Hunter Pence went 2 for 4 with a home run for the Giants, who have dropped four straight and seven of eight. Giants starter Matt Cain (1-5) allowed eight runs—seven earned—and 10 hits in five innings.

Reds 6, Pirates 5

In Pittsburgh, Todd Frazier led off the ninth inning with a tiebreaking homer, lifting Cincinnati past Pittsburgh after the Reds' bullpen blew a three-run lead.

Frazier's team-leading 16th home run to center field came off closer Jason Grilli (0-2) and gave the Reds third fifth win in six games. Cincinnati (34-35) also got within one game of .500 on its ninth try.

Billy Hamilton had three hits and two stolen bases for the Reds, while Joey Votto had two hits and three RBIs. Frazier, Brandon Phillips and Ryan Ludwick added two hits apiece.

Logan Ondrusek (2-2) pitched 1 1/3 innings and the eighth and Aroldis Chapman got the last three outs for his 12th save.

Athletics 10, Rangers 6

In Oakland, Calif., Derek Norris homered and drove in five runs, Stephen Vogt was 3 for 3 with two RBIs and Oakland held off Texas for its third win in four games.

Tommy Milone (5-3) won his fifth consecutive decision, matching his career-best, for the A's. Milone gave up three runs and five hits over 5 2-3 innings in improving to 5-0 over his last eight starts. He walked one and struck out three.

Yu Darvish (7-3) lost his eighth straight to the A's and the Rangers lost for just the second time in six games. Darvish allowed seven runs—four earned—and eight hits over 5-plus innings. He walked five and struck out eight, including Brandon Moss in the first for career strikeout 600.

Roughned Odor hit a home run, tripled and drove in three runs for the Rangers.

Ex-Bears QB McMahon opens up about dementia



CHICAGO (AP)—Jim McMahon would leave home and forget how to get back.

Sometimes, he would stay in his room and lie on his back in the dark because the pain in his head was so excruciating. At his darkest moments a few years ago, when it was just about too much to handle, the former Chicago Bears quarterback thought about killing himself.

"I am glad I don't have any weapons in my house or else I am pretty sure I wouldn't be here," McMahon said. "It got to be that bad."

McMahon opened up about his struggles with early onset dementia and depression in a gathering with a small group of reporters on Tuesday, issues he believes were brought on by the beating he absorbed playing football. He is scheduled to be honored Wednesday in Chicago by the Sports Legacy Institute, a Boston University-based group that has been studying the effects of brain trauma in athletes and others.

While his suicidal thoughts are a thing of the past thanks to treatment that drains spinal fluid from his brain, the fight with dementia continues. The "punky QB" who once helped the Bears shuffle their way to a championship is also digging in for another battle, one that could have major consequences for the NFL.

McMahon is one of several players identified by name in a federal lawsuit filed in California last month accusing teams of illegally dispensing powerful narcotics and other drugs to keep players on the field without regard for their long-term health.

He also is part of a class-action lawsuit in which the NFL agreed to a \$765 million settlement without acknowledging it hid the risks of concussions from former players. A federal judge has yet to approve the settlement, expressing concern



In this Sept. 15, 1985, file photo, Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon massages his head and neck after an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Chicago, Ill. McMahon spoke Tuesday, June 17, 2014, about his ongoing battle with dementia that he believe is related to his years of hits he took while playing in the league.

Hernandez lawyers want subpoena of Patriot records

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP)—Aaron Hernandez's attorneys asked a judge on Tuesday to approve their subpoena to the New England Patriots for the team's medical, psychological and other records on the former player.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the June 2013 shooting death of Odin Lloyd, whose body was found in North Attleboro

near Hernandez's home.

On Monday, a Bristol Superior Court judge set a July deadline for the team to respond to the defense's earlier requests for the 2010-2013 records. But in a motion filed Tuesday, Hernandez's attorneys said the records are potentially relevant to his circumstances and state of mind, and asked to have them within 30 days.

A Patriots spokesman declined to comment Tuesday.

The motion seeks records including, but not limited to, "psychological testing, medication records, X-rays, MRIs, CT scans, drug or alcohol abuse-related records, other medical records, physical therapy records, scouting reports, and investigative reports."

The motion said the request "is not intended as a general

'fishing' expedition" but is essential to preparing for his trial, which may begin in October.

Hernandez, a tight end, was drafted by the Patriots out of the University of Florida in 2010. The team released him in June 2013 hours after he was arrested in the slaying of Lloyd, a semi-professional football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's girlfriend.

the amount is too small.

While McMahon wouldn't discuss the most recent suit, he did talk about the troubles he has faced in recent years, issues he believes took root when he was getting battered on the field.

McMahon said he had three to five diagnosed concussions and who knows how many more that went undiagnosed.

That's in addition injuries to the kidney, broken ribs, an addiction to painkillers and a broken neck that he said team doctors and trainers never told him about.

He found out about five years ago, when he went for X-rays and an MRI. Doctors told him he had broken his neck at some point, and McMahon believes it

happened with the Minnesota Vikings during the 1993 season, when he got sandwiched by two Giants defenders in a playoff game at New York.

Nearly broken in two, McMahon couldn't move his legs at first. He eventually headed to the sideline after about 10 minutes. He didn't stay there long.

He said he went back in—

"like an idiot"—and a defender trying to block a pass grazed his head. McMahon's legs went numb again and he left the game.

McMahon said the doctor asked him afterward how he felt but did not examine him. He said there's "no doubt about it," the team knew his neck was broken.

A message was left Tuesday seeking comment from the Vikings.

The dementia diagnosis came five years ago, after McMahon was having trouble remembering the most basic stuff.

He would meet someone and forget their name. For that matter, he had trouble remembering the names of people he knew for years.

That wasn't all.

He'd go out and forget the way home, so he would call his girlfriend Laurie Navon and tell her: "I don't know where I'm at. I don't know how I got on this road. I told her, 'Aliens abducted me and put me over here.'"

Navon mentioned the mood swings, seeing a man who was "mad at himself, mad at the world."

He was suffering, with excruciating pain in his head. It was so bad he would hole up in the dark in his room for weeks, only leaving if he had an appearance to make.

"I can see how some of these guys have ended their lives, because of the pain," McMahon said.

Lately, he's been getting relief from two doctors in New York. Through a machine they invented, they're able to relieve the pain in his head through a non-surgical procedure that realigns his neck every few months.

Spinal fluid cooling in the brain brought on by a rotation in his vertebrae was causing the headaches. By realigning the neck, the fluid drains. In turn, the pain goes away for a few months, along with the short-term memory loss and moodiness.

The dementia, however, is an ongoing fight, one of several for a former quarterback going nose to nose with the league.

"The NFL continues to make billions and billions of dollars every year," McMahon said. "And some of these guys are homeless. They don't know who they are, and they were the ones who built this brand to where it's at."



MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James is leaving.

For a family vacation, that is.

The Miami Heat star said that's his first order of business, and during the time away from basketball he'll start the process of moving past this season and looking toward the future.

"I just want to win. That's all that matters to me," James said Tuesday after emerging from the final team meeting, one where coach Erik Spoelstra urged his team take plenty of pride from the season, even though the end result was an NBA Finals loss to San Antonio. "I haven't even begun to even think about what my future holds or what I have in store. I will sit down with my team at

James says vacation first, then decision on future

some point, my family as well. Today definitely wasn't the day.

"If my family is happy, then I'm happy and able to perform at a high level."

If so, then they've been happy during his first four years in Miami: James has been to the NBA Finals all four seasons in which he's played for the Heat, capturing two championships, and no one in the league over that span has logged more minutes, made more field goals or won more games than the four-time MVP.

And now he could leave.

James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh can all become free agents, though none have made decisions on whether they'll opt out. They came together

amid much fanfare in 2010, and this summer might be similar in many ways for that trio, the Heat and the NBA as a whole—with all eyes on what they'll do.

"I feel more at ease this time," James said, adding that "2010, it was out of control. It was the craziest summer I've ever been a part of. ... I'm definitely in a better place right now even though in 2010 I got put out in the postseason earlier than I expected or didn't accomplish what I wanted to, and I have kind of the same feeling now."

James said that at some point, he, Wade and Bosh will gather to talk about their plans. They have until June 29 to inform the Heat whether they will ex-

ercise their rights to become free agents—moves that in all three cases would not prohibit them from returning to Miami. Bosh revealed Tuesday that the group will meet with Heat president Pat Riley as well, to get the team's vision for what next season's roster would look like.

"I'm sure Riley has a finite plan moving forward," Bosh said. "I guess it kinds of really starts with him, just listening to him, kind of get his feel for the situation. He'll plug 'em wherever something is needed."

The basketball court was still in place inside Miami's arena on Tuesday, but there will be no game there until next season. Game 6 of the NBA Finals

would have been Tuesday night and for the first time since 2011, the Heat were saying goodbyes to one another without the backdrop of a championship parade.

"There's not a whole lot you can say that's going to alleviate some of the pain and frustration that we're all feeling right now," Spoelstra said. "We understand why our team was built. There's high expectations. And with that when you don't get to where you want to go, there's sometimes that pain that's deep."

Spoelstra said he's concentrating more on the draft right now than mourning the end of the season, or getting ready for free agency.

"We have a couple weeks to

figure it out," Spoelstra said. "We have a great track record. And we have a championship, first-class organization. That is our best selling pitch."

James said he didn't need to hear what Miami has to offer. He already knows.

"I understand what this team and this franchise brings to the table," James said.

In the coming weeks, he'll have a better sense on whether if he'll need to go grab a seat somewhere else to win more championships.

"That's what Riley is so great at and obviously Spo's going to get into it and see guys who can help us get better," James said. "Every team in the NBA continues to get better every year and we need to get better as well. We have some holes that need to be filled."

Pelicans, Docomo whip opponents

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The Pelicans and Docomo Pacific reached the century mark en route to the double-digit winning margin over separate foes in the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Docomo walloped Puerto Rico Bento in the first match, 123-100, while the Pelicans crushed Maplas, 100-84. Docomo and the Pelicans finished the round-robin tournament with similar 4-4 records for a tie for fourth to sixth place with TBK Mechanics and advanced to the playoffs. Puerto Rico fell to a 1-7 slate and must pray for an Olivos Team (1-6) loss to Shocker Nation tonight to make the cut.

Puerto Rico stayed in contention for the last playoff berth, as it was behind by only 7 points after the third period, 81-88. However, Docomo hit the gas in the fourth canto to spoil Puerto Rico's bid. Docomo fired 35 points, its biggest in the match, with Tony Diaz drilling one basket after another. Diaz scored a season-high 47 points, 12 of them came in the fourth frame. Jason Hayes also had 12 markers in the final period and finished with 27 points. Robert Sanciangco was the third Docomo player



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Pelicans' Trevor Ogomoro goes for a fallaway jumper against three Maplas defenders during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

to score at least 20 markers with his 21.

In the second game, the Pelicans also turned on the heat in the fourth quarter to take the 16-point victory. Ahead by only 8 after the third period, 73-65, Trevor Ogomoro drilled 7 early points in the fourth canto to open an 89-69 advantage, 6:30 left on the clock. It was cruise control from the Pelicans from thereon, while Maplas managed to bring the lead down to as low as 12 points in the closing minutes of the match after collecting garbage points.

Ogomoro top-scored for the Pelicans with 26 points, while

Edwin Camacho and Luiz Reyes chipped in 17 apiece.

With the Pelicans tied with TBK and Docomo for the fourth to sixth place, a quotient system will be in effect to determine the owner of the No. 4 spot. The winner in the tiebreaker will join the No. 3 squad in a bye for the first round of the playoffs. The Top 2 teams will automatically advance to the semis and the unbeaten San Antonio (7-0) has secured the first semis seat. Shocker Nation (5-2) and Island Manpower (6-1) will battle for the last outright semis ticket. A Shocker Nation victory over Olivos tonight and a loss by Manpower to San Antonio will force a tie for the second spot. In case of a tie, Shocker Nation will have the edge be-

cause it defeated Island Manpower in their lone meeting this season.

First Game

Docomo 123 – Diaz 47, Hayes 27, Sanciangco 21, Sison 10, White 7, Tudela 2.

Puerto Rico 100 – Fital 33, Saplan 29, Salalila 21, Fernandez 6.

Scoring by quarters: 29-31, 61-57, 88-81, 123-120.

Second Game

Pelicans 100 – Ogomoro 26, Camacho 17, Reyes 17, Yamada 15, Lampkin 8, Weng 6, Santos 4, Babauta 2.

Maplas 84 – Fernando 21, Lontoc 18, Yalung 10, Usi 9, Paraiso 9, Odicta 6, Aniciete 3.

Scoring by quarters: 29-21, 41-44, 73-65, 100-84.

BRAZIL

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Cup host or world champion Spain—thumped 5-1 last week by the Netherlands—would walk away with this should think again.

Proving the old adage that there are no easy games in football's showcase, Brazil failed to beat Mexico for the first time at the World Cup, held Tuesday to a 0-0 draw in their second game in Group A.

Belgium—a long-shot pick for the title—also struggled to break down Algeria, but got help off its bench to win 2-1 in Belo Horizonte.

In steamy Cuiaba, an evenly matched and entertaining back-and-forth contest ended Russia 1, South Korea 1. Substitutes scored all but one of the five goals on Tuesday, proving the importance of having a Plan B.

All 32 teams have now played at least once. The Netherlands and Germany, which scored four Monday against Portugal, are the standouts so far.

With Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant in the crowd of 60,342, Tuesday's big surprise was Brazil's failure to find the net in the northeastern city of Fortaleza.

With Neymar rampant through the middle, Marcelo ever-willing to go forward and Oscar supplying passes and inventiveness, Brazil should be able to score almost at will. Time and again, Brazil's yellow shirts swarmed over Mexico's penalty box.

But shots and passes went awry, Mexican goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa made outstanding saves and Brazil is clearly missing a top-notch center-forward.

Other attackers—Thomas Mueller for Germany, the Netherlands' duo of Robin Van Persie and Arjen Robben, France's Karim Benzema—all bought their scoring boots to Brazil, finding the net at least twice. Neymar also got two for Brazil in its opening 3-1 defeat of Croatia. But his

teammate Fred is yet to get off the mark.

Mistiming his run, the striker had a first-half effort disallowed for offside, didn't weigh heavily on the game and was substituted in the second half. This was the second scoreless draw at this tournament, where goals have rained in.

If goal scorers struggled Tuesday, it was also because goalkeepers had a good day. Before Tuesday, the first 14 matches saw an average of more than 3 goals per game—bettering the rate of all World Cups since Brazil's first victory in 1958.

But that dipped to 2.9 goals per game following Tuesday's three matches. Ochoa's seven saves in the tournament—six of them against Brazil—are the most by any goalie so far.

He got an outstretched hand to Neymar's superb first-half header. After another spectacular two-handed reflex save in the second half, batting away Thiago Silva's header, Ochoa high-fived a teammate.

Despite letting in two, Rais Mbolhi was impressive for Algeria, making six saves that put him just behind Ochoa. For Russia, Igor Akinfeev frustrated South Korea's long-range attempts until the power of a 25-yard shot from substitute Lee Keunho seemed to surprise him and bounced out of his hands into the net.

Aleksandr Kerzhakov equaled up the score for Russia just three minutes after coach Fabio Capello put him in.

Belgium looked anything but frightening in a first half where Algeria was more watchable than its brief appearance in 2010. Algeria moved and kept the ball well, looked to hit Belgium on the counterattack and took the lead from a penalty.

Credit Belgium coach Marc Wilmots for turning things around. His second-half substitutions pushed aside the bus—two banks of four players—that Algeria had parked in front of goal.

Dries Mertens and Divock

Origi came off the bench to inject much-needed speed and ideas. Wilmots' other substitution, Marouane Fellaini, played better Tuesday than for Manchester United this season, planting himself in Algeria's box.

He headed in Kevin De Bruyne's fizzing cross and equalized in the 70th minute. Mertens curled in the winner 10 minutes later.

Sofiane Feghouli's score off a penalty snapped Algeria's scoreless streak at World Cups stretching back through a record-tying five matches and 505 minutes, just 12 minutes short of the longest World Cup goal drought—517 minutes for Bolivia.

"We made one error and we paid for it," said Wilmots. "The bench made the difference. We showed mental strength and we came back."

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	31	.569	—
New York	36	33	.522	3½
Baltimore	36	34	.514	4
Boston	33	38	.465	7½
Tampa Bay	28	44	.389	13

Central Division

Kansas City	38	32	.543	—
Detroit	36	31	.537	½
Cleveland	36	36	.500	3
Chicago	34	37	.479	4½
Minnesota	32	37	.464	5½

West Division

Oakland	43	28	.606	—
Los Angeles	38	32	.543	4½
Seattle	37	34	.521	6
Texas	35	36	.493	8
Houston	32	40	.444	11½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	36	33	.522	—
Atlanta	36	34	.514	½
Miami	36	34	.514	½
Philadelphia	31	38	.449	5
New York	31	40	.437	6

Central Division

Milwaukee	43	29	.597	—
St. Louis	39	32	.549	3½
Cincinnati	34	35	.493	7½
Pittsburgh	34	36	.486	8
Chicago	29	40	.420	12½

West Division

San Francisco	43	28	.606	—
Los Angeles	39	34	.534	5
Colorado	34	37	.479	9
San Diego	29	42	.408	14
Arizona	30	44	.405	14½

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15-2 sets won-loss card, still held the best game percentage in his division after tallying a 96-28 record (77.4 percent). Winner Mason Caldwell of Guam had a 68.5 percentage (100-46), while runner-up Camden Camacho submitted 71.1 (98-10).

Lizama then managed to bring home the U16 doubles cham-

pionship when he paired with Ramsey, who placed runner-up in the singles event after losing in the finals to former CNMI player Chris Cajigan. Ramsey finished the singles event with 5-2 and 9-5 slates and had a winning percentage of 62.7 (69-41).

"The CNMI Team's match record for this year is 72-12. Our players did a great job and showed we are No. 1 again in Micronesia," said CNMI coach

Jeff Race.

"Some our top players did not make it to Guam due to school commitments and those who made it stepped up and somehow got out of the shadow of our top players, proving that even if they are ranked fourth or fifth in the CNMI, they are still better than the rest of Guam, FSM, and Palau players," Race added.

The 2014 POJC will be held this August in Fiji.

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Besides Watanabe, Tsunami Saipan recognized another club newcomer—Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero—for his impressive showing in his debut season with the group. Camacho capped his opening season for Tsunami Saipan with a runner-up finish in the boys U8 competition in the Guam tournament. He ruled the 50 and 100m butterfly races in Guam and placed second in the 50m, 100m, and 200m freestyle, fifth in 50 backstroke, and third in the 200m IM.

Meanwhile, Tsunami Saipan handed out more awards in four categories.

Miku Tammy and Kaito Yanai split the High Performance Award for their notable showing in the 2014 Tokyo Junior Sprints in March. Tammy en-

tered the girls U11 division of the annual competition and bagged the gold medal in the 50m butterfly race. Kaito Yanai won a gold medal in the 100m IM and silver in the 50m breaststroke events of the boys U14 age group.

Kaito's younger brother Ryuto also received recognition from the club, sharing the Coach's Award with three others. Ryuto was selected for setting three age group marks (100m, 50m backstroke, and 200m butterfly) in the 9 to 10 division.

Kenta Tomie, Ashley Dangol, and Sophia Gauran were the three other recipients of the Coach's Award. Tomie was cited for his high attendance percentage and consistent good behavior during practices and competitions, while Dangol earned coach Hiro Kimura's nod for becoming the youngest member of the club to set an age

group record. Dangol timed in at 1:58.06 in the 100m butterfly race in the 2014 SSC International Invitational Meet and her time was considered as record in the girls U8 age group. Then just last month, she eclipsed her own record, posting 1:53.71 in the Guam competition. Gauran missed making it to the record list in the 9 to 10 age group, but won her division in both the Saipan and Guam tournaments this year.

Gauran was also recognized for her most attendance in the club's training sessions. Getting the same award were Dangol, Tammy, Camacho-Deleon Guerrero, Juhn Tenorio, Jhota Yoshino, Takumi Sugie, and Kensuke Kimura.

Kimura was cited, too for his record-breaking swims in the SSC meet and 2014 Oceania Swimming Championships in New Zealand.

2014 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League

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Flip Top's Ferick Aguon drives against Gwap Gang's Erick Dela Rosa during their playoff game in the 2014 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



Saipan Ice's Adrian Palacios pulls up for a short jumper against Flip Top's Melvin Cadiang.



I Love Saipan's Raymond Olopai goes for a layup against Hite's Tristan Montes.



Flip Top's Glenn Vidal unloads a fastbreak layup against Saipan Ice's Zhe Chen.



Pogi Problems Mark Madreo eludes the defense of two San Roque players.



Pogi Problems' Abba Tagle fakes off the defense of San Roque's Edmark Mendoza, right, and Robert Guiang.



San Roque's Edmark Mendoza is sandwiched by two Pogi Problems defenders.



ICS Shooters' Perry Inos, left, and Cecilio Bisana battle an Ali'i player for the rebound.



Ali'i's Karlo De Leon stops and pops for a jumper.

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10 CNMI players make POJC grade



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Colin Ramsey, seen here competing in the 2014 White Coconut Tennis Classic in February at the AMP tennis courts, earned a slot on the North Team that will play in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji this August.

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Ten CNMI junior players qualified for the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships after making it to the Top 3 of their respective events in last week's 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships held in Guam.

The islands' U14 players Tania Tan, Julia Ishikawa, and Ami Tsukagoshi leads the list of Commonwealth bets earning slots to the POJC and suiting up for the North Pacific Team. Joining them are fellow U14 player Luther Lizama, U12's Ken Song, Robbie Schorr, Malika Miyawaki, Conatsu Kaga, and Asia Raulerson, and U16's Colin Ramsey.

Tan won the U14 singles crown in the regional championships, beating Ishikawa in the finals, while Tsukagoshi prevailed in the battle for third place against another CNMI player Mimi Sakano. Tan was undefeated in five matches in the singles event, did not drop a single set (10-0), and held a 61-12 win-loss (games) record for an 83.6 winning percentage. She is also perfect in doubles, teaming up with Ishikawa in ruling the event. Ishikawa registered 4-1 (matches won/loss), 8-2 (sets won/loss) and 55-22 (games won/loss) records, while Sakano logged 3-2, 6-5, and 46-50 slates.

Miyawaki duplicated Tan's title win in the girls U12 singles, holding a flawless 5-0 mark, 10-0



sets win-loss mark, and 60-12 slate (games) for a winning percentage of 83.3. She defeated Kaga in the finals and later partnered with the latter in conquering the doubles crown. Kaga finished the singles competition with 5-1, 10-2, and 69-22 records, while Raulerson submitted 4-2, 8-4, and 52-35 marks.

Schorr completed the CNMI a sweep in the U12 singles when he topped doubles teammate Ken Song in the finals. Schorr was unscathed in eight games and did not lose any single set (out of 16), finishing the tournament with an impressive 96-12 record (88.9 winning percentage), the best mark in the entire field. Kong ended up with 6-1, 12-2, and 75-29 records.

In the boys U14, Lizama made the cut when he downed the Federated States of Micronesia's William Joab in the consolation match. Though he missed the championship, Lizama, who earned a 7-1 marches won-loss mark and

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Tsunami Saipan fetes outstanding swimmers

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan recognized the outstanding swimmers of the 2013-2014 season in a simple awards ceremony at the Paupau Beach early this month.

Eight-year-old Nanaka Wata-

nabe led the honors list, as she was handed the Rookie of the Year award for topping several tournaments last season, including the Guam meet last month, and for setting age group marks. Watanabe holds five age group marks in the girls U18 age group, earning four new records during the 2014 Guam Swimming Championships and matching another one in the same com-

petition. Her four records are in the 100m freestyle (1:25.97), 200m freestyle (3:10.30), 50m breaststroke (49.27 seconds), and 100m breaststroke (1:46.56), while the fifth one is the 200m IM (3:34:03), the same mark Amanda Johnson of Saipan Swim Club registered on March 30, 2000.

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Brazil, Belgium tough day; Russia-Korea draw



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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—
The headline from the World

Cup, Day 6: Big favorite Brazil is vulnerable.

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Mexico's goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa makes a save during the group A World Cup soccer match between Brazil and Mexico at the Arena Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil, Tuesday, June 17, 2014.



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Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura, back row right, poses with the eight swimmers recognized for their attendance in the 2013-2014 season during the awards ceremony early this month at Paupau Beach.